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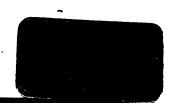
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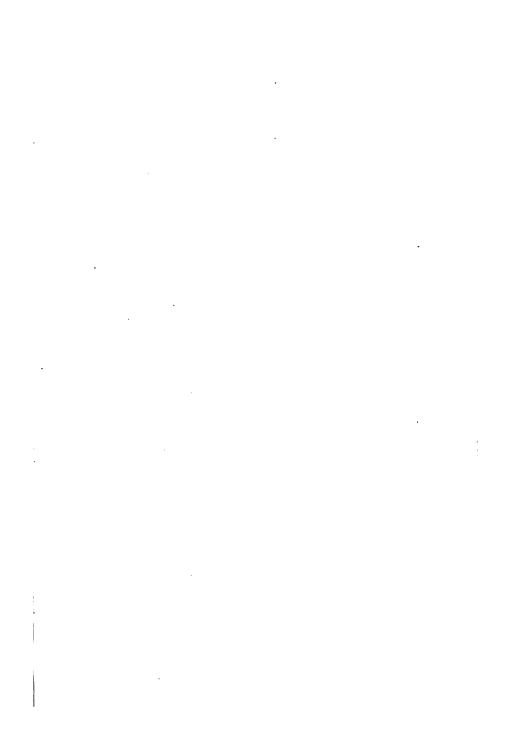


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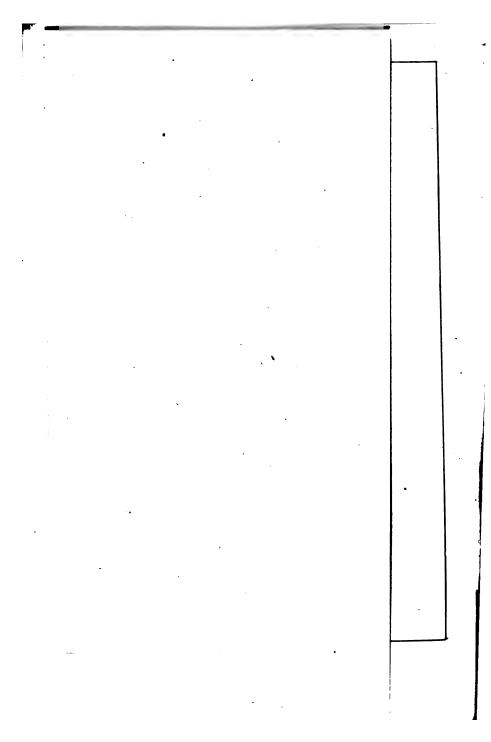
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# PREFACE

H IN PRESENTING this little treatise to the reading public the writer wishes to emphasize that it is not intended as an instruction book on the construction or repair of automobiles. It has been prepared in answer to numerous requests for a concise exposition of the operating principles of modern gasoline automobiles. It has been thought desirable to incorporate a chapter outlining automobile construction very briefly in order that the novice may obtain some appreciation of the functions of the various parts before he learns the care and operation of the car. This book is intended as an absolutely non-technical compilation of the operating instructions of leading automobile manufacturers with which the car owner should be familiar. If a more detailed study of automobile construction or repair is desirable the reader may obtain very complete treatises. and text books from the publisher of this little volume. The basic principles of gasoline motor car operation are practically the same in all types of cars though various forms of speed changing mechanism demand distinctive methods of control in each specific case. is not possible to give definite information applying to every make of automobile but the types that are illustrated are representative of standard practice and the general advice given can be applied to all cars, especially the instructions relating to motor speed control and gear shifting. A careful study of the illustrations will serve to make clear many points that may not be fully explained in the text.

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How Automobile Chassis is Divided into Groups.—In order to deal systematically with the subject of motor-car construction, one may divide the essential mechanism into groups and treat each of these assemblies in detail. In order to understand the functions of the various parts, views of typical pleasure car chassis of latest design with all components clearly indicated are presented. These show conventional arrangements of parts in vehicles which are adapted to a wide range of work. Of the many elements comprising the automobile, the source of power is the most important. Then comes the method of power transmission, and last the various chassis parts which have to do with suspension, control, etc. By referring to illustrations, which show the construction of typical gasoline car chassis clearly, the functions of the various parts and their relation may be easily understood.

The basis of any conveyance, whether animal drawn or power propelled, is a running gear. That of automobiles consists of a frame supported on springs which rest on the axles, which in turn carry the wheels on which the whole assembly can roll over the ground. In a horse drawn carriage, where there is no necessity for a heavy or strong supporting frame, and because of the light weight of the body, it is possible to attach the springs directly to the sills on which the body rests. In a motor vehicle,

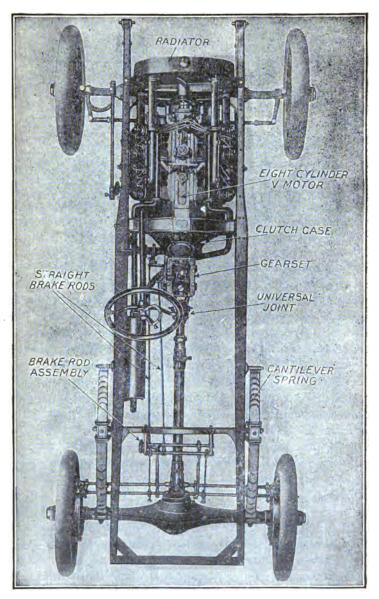


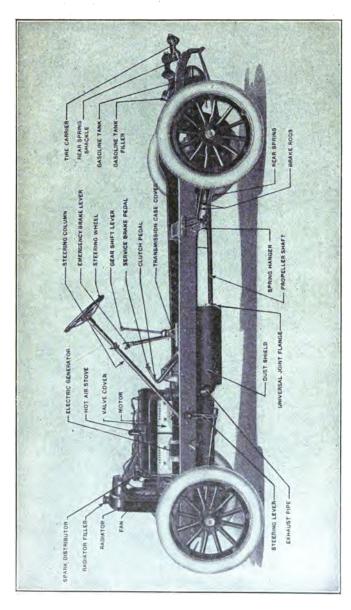
Fig. 1.—Plan View of the King Eight Cylinder Chassis, Showing Arrangement of Parts.

however, the frame is usually separate from the carriage work, because it is often necessary to remove the body to gain access to some portion of the mechanism which may need attention. The frame of an automobile must be strong because the engine and some of the parts of the transmission system are installed thereon, and also because the speed possibilities of the automobile make it necessary that the frame be of sufficient strength to resist the stresses due to car movement and frame distortion when driven over uneven road surfaces. These strains are not present in other forms of conveyances. The locomotive, which is capable of high speed and which is very heavy, travels on a smooth track, while ordinary horse drawn carriages are not affected materially by the roughness of the path on which they travel because of their low speed and light weight.

In the frame, or chassis group, one may include the main frame, sub-frame, steering gear, clutch and brake pedals, hand levers for varying change speed gear ratios and applying emergency brakes; the front axle and its steering connections, the driving axle and brakes, the wheels, the tires, and the springs which form a yielding connection between the axles and the frame.

The power plant of a gasoline automobile is composed of a number of distinct devices of which the engine proper is the most important, though all of them are necessary to insure practical operation. In order to describe power plant construction logically, it may be divided into six distinct parts or groups of which all are composed. The most important assembly is the motor; then the gas supply system, the ignition apparatus, the devices used for lubrication, the system of cooling and the muffler assembly. The power transmission mechanism is the next group of importance. In this assembly one places the clutch, the gearset, the driving means, and, in most instances, the rear axle and traction members.

Parts of Typical Automobiles and Their Functions.—A brief explanation of the function of each important part of the gasoline car chassis depicted at Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 8 will serve to afford a better understanding of the construction of the modern auto-



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Fig. 2.—Side View of Chalmers Light Six Touring Chassis, Showing Simplicity of Motor Cars of Latest Design.

mobile. The purpose of the front axle is not unlike that of a horse drawn vehicle, but it is much different in construction. The wheels are installed on movable spindles, or steering knuckles, which are supported by yokes permitting one to move the wheels for steering rather than turning the entire axle on a fifth wheel, or jack-bolt arrangement, as in a horse drawn vehicle. This axle is attached to the frame by spring members which allow a certain degree of movement without producing a corresponding motion of the frame. The radiator, which is placed directly over the axle in front of the motor, is employed to hold the water used in keeping the engine cool and is an important part of the heatradiating system. The starting handle is a crank by which the motor crank shaft is given sufficient initial movement by the operator to carry the engine parts through one or more portions of the cycle of operations, this starting the engine. cars now have electrical starting means except the Ford. tiebar joins the arms of the steering spindles on which the wheels revolve, and insures that these will swing together and in the same direction, either to the right or left. The steering link, often called the "drag link," connects one of the steering knuckles of the front axle with the steering gear. The motor may be one of the many forms to be described and one of many distinct types. The dash is a wooden or metal partition placed back of the power plant to separate the engine from the seating compartment. It is often employed to support some of the auxiliary apparatus necessary to motor action or some of the control elements.

The clutch is a device operated by a pedal, which permits the motor power to be coupled to the gearset and from thence to the driving wheels, or interrupted at the will of the operator. It is used in starting and stopping the car and whenever the change speed gears are shifted. The accelerator is a small pedal which actuates a valve on the gas supply device to permit more explosive mixture being fed to the engine when it is desired to increase the motor speed. Its function is comparable to that of the throttle of a steam engine. The pedals are foot-operated levers; one of which releases the clutch, the other applies the service brakes. The motor control levers on the steering column

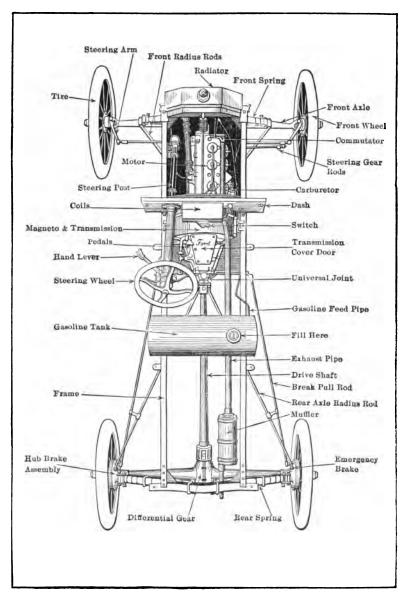


Fig. 3.—Plain View of the Ford Chassis Showing Relative Location of Important Components.

are used in conjunction with the accelerator to vary the rotative speed of the motor and thus regulate the energy produced in proportion to the work to be performed. The emergency brake lever applies a powerful braking effect when it is desired to stop the car quickly and also when one wishes to lock the brakes if the car movement is arrested on a down grade. The change speed lever operates the sliding gearing, which is utilized to produce varying ratios of velocity between the engine shaft and the rear wheel. The steering wheel actuates the mechanism which moves the wheels to the right or left when one wishes to describe the circle, turn a corner, or otherwise deviate from a straight line.

The change speed gear is one of the most important elements of the power transmission system and in connection with the clutch it is much used in operating and controlling the vehicle. The function of the frame has been previously described. exhaust pipe is employed to convey the inert gases discharged from the motor cylinders to a device known as the muffler, which is designed to reduce the exhaust gas pressure by augmenting the volume and thus diminish the noise made as it issues to the atmosphere. The driving shaft transmits power from the change speed gearset to the bevel gearing in the rear axle. A universal joint is a positive connection which permits a certain degree of movement between two shafts which must be driven at the same speed. One or the other, or both, may move in a lateral or vertical plane to a limited extent without interrupting the drive or cramping the transmission parts. Some cars have one, most 1917 models have two.

The power transmitted by the universally jointed propeller shaft goes to a differential mechanism and driving gearing in the rear axle from which shafts deliver the energy to the traction wheels. All parts are supported by or attached to the frame, made of pressed steel with suitable side members and cross braces held together by rivets. The frame carries springs or yielding members which allow movement of the frame with respect to the axles. The rear wheels are invariably provided with brakes to bring the vehicle to a stop, these being easily operated by the driver. The storage battery carries the current

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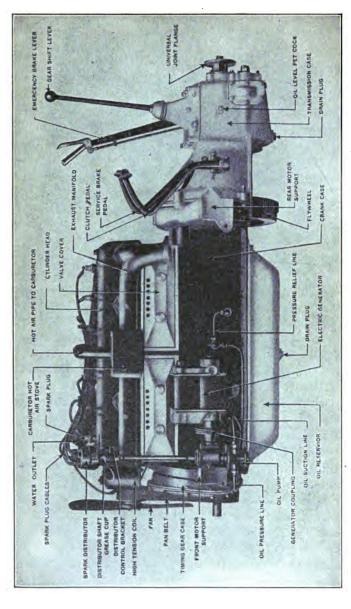


Fig. 4.—Side View of Chalmers Light Six Engine, Showing Arrangement of Power Plant Auxiliaries and Mounting of Gear Box as a Unit With the Engine.

for starting the motor, ignition and lighting the lamps used in night driving. The starting motor turns over the engine crank shaft to get the engine going. The generator supplies the storage battery when the engine is running. The gasoline tank carries the fuel needed to run the engine, this being turned into a gas that will explode in the motor cylinders to produce power by a carburetor.

Gasoline Engine Types.—The gasoline engine may have any number of cylinders, though the conventional types used in automobile propulsion seldom use any but an even number, usually four or six and never more than twelve. At one time singlecylinder motors were very popular. These were used in both the horizontal and vertical types. Power plants of this type were, for the most part, of low power and were patterned largely after stationary gasoline engine practice as far as proportion of parts was concerned. They were heavy and operated at low speed. Such engines are seldom employed at the present time, except in cars of ancient construction, some of which are still in use. Though this type of motor was comparatively slow acting and considerable vibration existed while it was in operation, they were strongly constructed and capable of giving very satisfactory service. Engines of this type were usually installed under the body, the engine cylinder being parallel with the frame side member while the crank shaft was at right angles to it. This permitted a very simple and efficient method of power transmission, as the planetary change speed gearing which was usually carried on the crank shaft extension could be easily coupled to the rear axle by means of a single chain and a pair of sprockets.

The engines of present day automobiles are of the multiple cylinder form because they are more flexible, smoother running and more practical than the simpler types used a decade ago. Six, eight and twelve-cylinder forms are used in many cases. The more cylinders there are, the greater the number of power impulses one obtains to each turn of the rear wheels for a given final drive gear ratio. Few impulses or explosions result in jerky action, more impulses mean steadier power. For instance,

a four-cylinder engine has two explosions each revolution of the crank shaft; a six has three; an eight-cylinder has four, and a twelve-cylinder has six explosions. As the cylinder number is increased, the size can be reduced to secure the same power as obtained with a lesser number of larger cylinders. There is less vibration with small cylinders than with large ones and the working parts are not loaded so much. The power output depends upon the size of the cylinders as well as their number.

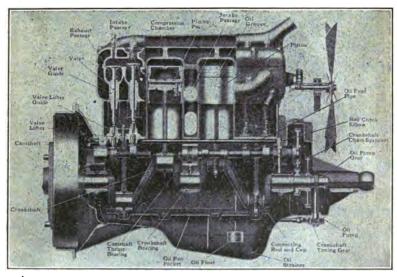


Fig. 5.—Sectional View of Dodge Brothers Four Cylinder Motor, Showing All Important Parts of a Gasoline Automobile Engine.

Many six-cylinder engines have more power than twelve-cylinder forms. The essential parts of an eight or twelve-cylinder engine are no different than in simpler types; there are more of them, that is all. A typical six-cylinder power plant is shown at Fig. 4, while the part sectional view of a four-cylinder at Fig. 5 shows the interior parts which produce the power.

The method of installing the power plant varies but slightly on different types of automobiles, and the majority of cars have the engine placed at the extreme front end of the chassis. In

some types of cars where double-cylinder motors of the horizontal type are used the motor is placed under the seat or body. This type of construction is nearly obsolete at this time. and is found only on early forms of vehicles and one or two commercial cars. The power plant is nearly always combined with the clutch and change speed gearing in such a way to form a unit construction as shown at Fig. 4. This method of joining the parts is widely used at the present time, and is superior to the other common method where the motor and change speed gears are independent units. Each method has advantages. When the gearset and motor are separate the transmission may be removed from the chassis frame without disturbing the power plant and vice versa. At the other hand, when the unit construction is employed, it is sometimes difficult to remove one member without taking the entire unit from the The unit construction has the advantage of retaining positive alignment of the gearset with the engine indefinitely. This relation between the parts is obtained when they are first assembled and the alignment cannot be changed by any condition of operation after the unit is installed in the frame. method of mounting also permits the three-point suspension. which is very desirable, as the power plant is not stressed by frame deformation when going over rough roads.

If one raises the hood at the front of a motor car, one will find a complete engine assembly very much the same as that depicted at Fig. 6, which outlines a popular engine with the various auxiliary parts lettered so that one can obtain an idea of their location relative to each other. Of the external parts shown the carburetor is employed to mix the gasoline used as fuel with a certain amount of air in order to form a gas that can be ignited in the engine cylinders. This explosive mixture is supplied to the cylinders by a conductor known as the inlet pipe. The spark plugs and magneto form part of the ignition outfit. The engine shown is a four-cylinder form and operates on the four-cycle principle.

Automobile Engine Parts.—All internal combustion engines, regardless of type, must have the following parts: Cylinder,

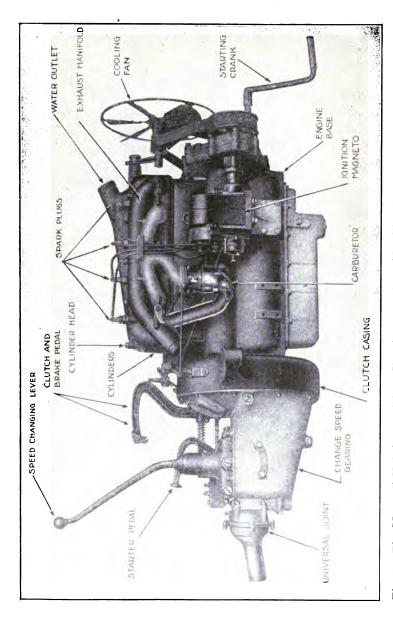


Fig. 6.—The Maxwell Unit Power Plant, Showing Location of Ignition Magneto and Carburetor, as Well as Change Speed Gearing Combined With Engine.

piston, connecting rod, crankshaft, and engine base. In addition to parts previously enumerated, four-cycle engines must have inlet and exhaust valves, valve operating push rods, valve springs for closing the valves, cams to open them and gearing of some form to drive the camshaft from the crankshaft. The cylinder is the portion of the engine in which the gases are confined prior to ignition and which serves as a guide for the piston member which transmits the power of the explosion to the crank-Cylinders are invariably made of cast iron of special mixture because this material withstands the heat better than any other and is easily poured into moulds in a molten condition to form very intricate shapes that would be difficult to produce commercially in any other way. The combustion chamber is at the upper end or closed portion of the cylinder. Cylinders may be cast individually, in pairs, or in blocks of three, four or six.

The piston is a reciprocating cylindrical member that moves in the cylinder and which transforms the power of the explosion to mechanical energy. Pistons are usually made of close grained gray iron of approximately the same mixture as the cylinder iron, though where great lightness is desired, as on aeroplane and high speed automobile motors, steel may be employed or aluminum alloy. A piston is usually provided with a series of grooves in which rings of cast iron are mounted to form a packing. The piston must be a free fit in the cylinder in order that it will not expand unduly when heated and bind. For this reason the packing rings are depended upon to keep the exploding gases from leaking by, and as they have considerable elasticity they conform to the cylinder bore and fit it very closely. As they are narrow they do not have much bearing surface on the cylinder and do not offer undue friction if properly lubricated. piston rings are usually placed at the top of the piston.

The connecting rod is the member that forms the connecting link between the reciprocating piston and the rotary crankshaft. It describes a rotary movement at its lower end and oscillates at its upper end. Connecting rods are invariably made of steel drop forgings. The crankshaft is the part of the motor which converts the reciprocating motion of the piston to a continuous

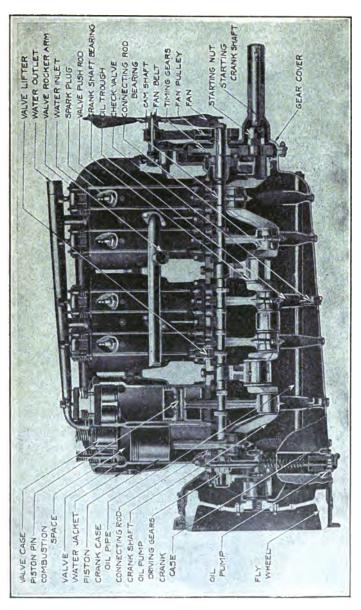


Fig. 7.—Part Sectional View of the Buick Six Cylinder Overhead Valve Motor, Depicting Important Parts.

rotary movement suitable for turning the wheels of the automobile. The crank case is utilized to support the crankshaft and to act as a bed for the engine cylinders. It keeps the working part of the cylinder in perfect alignment with the crankshaft and camshaft carried and protected by the crank case, and at the same time it serves as a carrying or supporting member by which the power plant is attached to the chassis.

Automobile engine crank cases may be made of cast aluminum, cast iron, or bronze castings. The first named material is most generally used on account of its lightness. It has about the same strength as cast iron and weighs but one-third as much. On engines that are manufactured in large quantities, stamped sheet metal, such as steel and aluminum, have been utilized as the lower portion of the crank case. The small auxiliary shaft that carries the valve lifting cams and usually runs parallel with the crankshaft and which is driven by that member is called the camshaft. Some engines have but one camshaft, which carries the cams utilized in operating both inlet and exhaust The "L" type cylinder engine needs but one camshaft, while the power plant provided with "T" head cylinders needs two camshafts, one at each side of the motor. The camshaft of a four-cycle engine is always driven at half the engine speed and always by positive gearing. A cam is a cylinder of metal having a raised portion at one point on its periphery. The difference between inlet and exhaust cams is in the cam profile, as the member intended to lift the exhaust valve has a longer dwell or larger and longer raised portion because the exhaust valve is kept open longer than the inlet member. The manifolds are the built-up members or pipes that convey the fresh gas from the carbureting device to the valve chambers or which convey the inert products of combustion from the exhaust valve chambers to the muffling device. Manifolds are usually attached to cylinders by means of flange couplings bolted to the cylinders or by stirrups or retention bars which hold them securely in place.

The flywheel is a heavy member attached to the crankshaft which has energy stored in its rim as the member revolves, and the momentum of this revolving mass tends to equalize the inter-

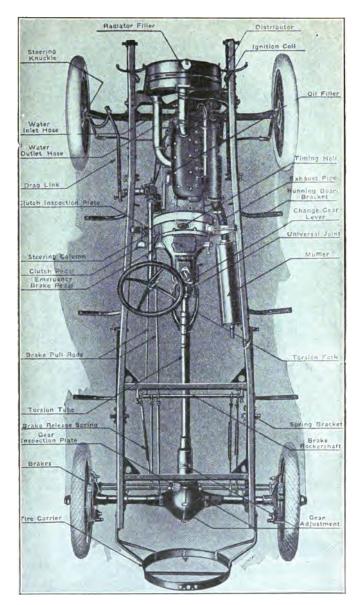


Fig. 8.—Plan View of the Dort Four Cylinder Chassis, Showing Important Parts of the Mechanism and Their Relation to Each Other.

mittent pushes on the piston head produced by the explosion of the gas in the cylinder. If some explosive is placed in the chamber formed by the piston and closed end of the cylinder and exploded, the piston would be the only part that would yield to the pressure which would produce a downward movement. As this is forced down the crankshaft is turned by the connecting rod, and as this part is hinged at both ends it is free to oscillate as the crank turns, and thus the piston may slide back and forth while the crankshaft is rotating or describing a curvilinear path. It is imperative that flywheels be attached firmly to the crankshaft, because any looseness between the flywheel and the shaft will produce a pronounced knocking sound, and the methods of fastening, such as keys or bolts, may be entirely sheared off.

The marks on flywheel rims are placed thereon to assist in timing the valves and ignition spark. The abbreviation E. O. means "Exhaust Opens," while E. C. means "Exhaust Closes." The letters I. O. mean "Inlet Opens," while I. C. means "Inlet Closed." The letter S. indicates the sparking point, while U. C. means "Upper Center," which means that the piston is at the top of its stroke, and L. C. means "Lower Center," which corresponds to the crankshaft position when the piston in the cylinder being timed is at the bottom of its stroke. The numbers in connection with the marks indicate the cylinders in which the functions marked should be taking place.

In addition to the simple elements described it is evident that a gasoline engine must have other parts. The most important of these are the valves, of which there are two to each cylinder. One closes the passage connecting to the gas supply and opens during one stroke of the piston in order to let the explosive gas into the combustion chamber. The other member, or exhaust valve, serves as a cover for the opening through which the burned gases can leave the cylinder after their work is done. The spark plug is a simple device which permits one to produce an electric spark in the cylinder when the piston is at the best point to utilize the pressure which obtains when the compressed gas is fired. The valves of each cylinder open one at a time, the inlet

Fig. 9.—The Packard Twelve Cylinder or Twin Six Unit Power Plant Used on All Late Models of This Well-Known Car.

valve being lifted from its seat while the cylinder is filling and the exhaust valve is opened when the cylinder is being cleared. They are normally kept seated by means of compression springs and are raised at the proper time by the cams on the camshaft. The engine shown at Fig. 5 is the Dodge and has all valves on one side of the cylinder. That at Fig. 7 is a six-cylinder Buick engine in which the valves are placed directly in the head, opening into the center of the combustion chamber instead of at one side. The twelve-cylinder engine shown at Fig. 9 is really two six-cylinder engines mounted on a common crank case; similarly the eight-cylinder shown at Fig. 10 is a twin four.

Cooling Systems.—In order to keep the temperature of an automobile engine within bounds and keep the heat down to a point where the lubricating oil will not be destroyed or engine parts warped, the cylinders of the engine must be cooled. systems of cooling are possible. The simplest involves flanging the cylinders and passing air currents over them. This is seldom The accepted method is to pass water around the cylinders through water jackets cast integral with them. greater proportion of the heat units derived by burning the explosive mixture could be utilized in doing useful work the efficiency of the gasoline engine would be greater than that of any other form of power producer. There is a great loss of heat from various causes, among which can be cited the reduction of pressure through cooling the motor and the loss of heat through the exhaust valves when the burned gases are expelled from the cylinder. The loss through the water jacket of the average automobile power plant is over 50% of the total fuel efficiency. This means that more than half of the heat units available for power are absorbed and dissipated by the cooling water. Another 16% is lost through the exhaust valve, and but 331/3% of the heat units do useful work.

The parts of a forced circulation water cooling system are illustrated at the bottom of Fig. 11. The main parts are a radiator to cool the heated water, a fan to draw air through the radiator and a circulating pump. The water is drawn from the lower header of the radiator by the pump and is forced

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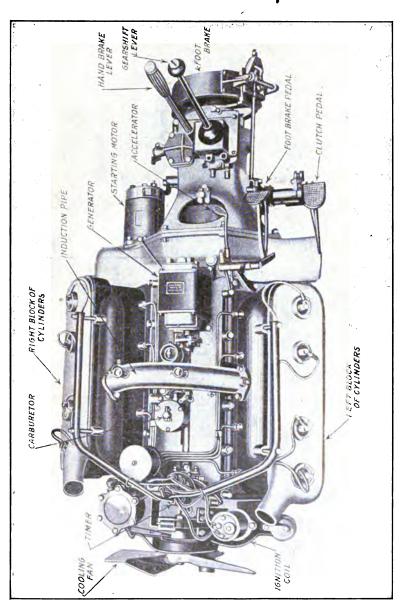


Fig. 10.—Plan View of the Stearns Knight Eight Cylinder Power Plant, Showing Location of Power Plant Auxiliaries.

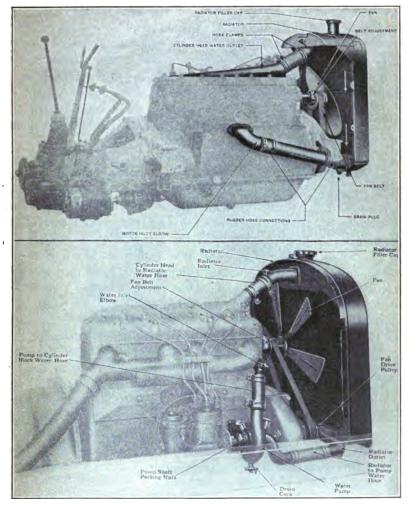


Fig. 11.—Outlining the Two Possible Systems of Water Cooling. At Top, Thermo-Syphon or Natural Flow System of Chalmers, 30 Power Plant. Below It, the Pump Circulation System of the Dodge Brothers Motor Car is Shown.

through a pipe to the lower portion of the water jackets of the cylinder. It becomes heated as it passes around the cylinder walls and combustion chambers and the hot water passes out



of the top of the water jacket to the upper portion of the radiator. Here it is divided in thin streams by the many tubes and directed against comparatively cool metal walls, which abstract the heat from the water. As it becomes cooler it falls to the bottom of the radiator because its weight increases as the temperature becomes lower and also because of the pressure back of it. By the time it reaches the lower tank of the radiator it has been cooled sufficiently so that it may be again passed around the cylinders of the motor.

The cooling system depicted at the top of Fig. 11 is one that has demonstrated its worth conclusively in practice and is somewhat simpler than the forms in which a pump is used to maintain circulation. With this method, the fact that water becomes lighter as its temperature becomes higher is taken advantage of in securing circulation around the cylinders. The top of the water jacket of the cylinders is attached to the center of the radiator, while the pipe leading from the bottom of that member is connected to a motor inlet elbow which supplies cool water to the bottom of the cylinder jacket. With such a system it is imperative that the radiator be carried at such a height that the cool water will flow to the water spaces around the cylinders by gravity. As the water becomes heated by contact with the hot cylinder and combustion chamber walls it rises to the top of the water jackets, flows to the cooler, where enough of the heat is absorbed to cause it to become sensibly greater in weight. As the water becomes cooler it falls to the bottom of the radiator and it is again supplied to the water jacket. The circulation is entirely automatic and continues as long as there is a difference in temperature between the liquid in the water spaces of the engine jacket and that in the cooler.

Carburetion System.—There is no appliance that has more influence upon the efficiency of the internal combustion motor than the carburetor or vaporizer which supplies the explosive gas to the cylinders. It is only in recent years that engineers have realized the importance of using carburetors that are efficient and that are so strongly made that there will be little liability of derangement. As the power obtained from the gas

engine depends upon the explosion of fuel and air mixture in the cylinders, it is evident that if the gas supplied does not have the proper proportions of elements to insure rapid combustion the efficiency of the engine will be low. When a gas engine is used in a stationary installation it is possible to use ordinary illuminating or natural gas for fuel, but when this

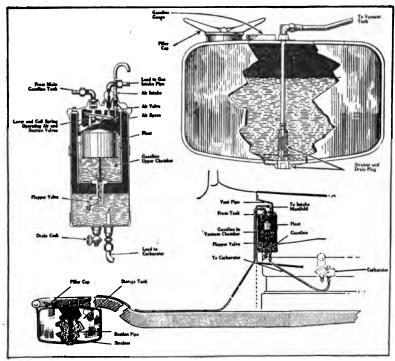


Fig. 12.—The Fuel System of the Overland Model 85 Cars is Typical of Standard 1917 Practice. The Interior Construction of the Vacuum Tank and the Main Fuel Container are Shown in Detail.

prime mover is applied to automobile or marine service it is evident that considerable difficulty would be experienced in carrying enough compressed coal gas to supply the engine for even a very short trip. Fortunately, the development of the internal combustion motor was not delayed by the lack of suitable fuel.

Engineers were familiar with the properties of certain liquids which gave off vapors that could be mixed with air to form an explosive gas which burned very well in engine cylinders. small quantity of such liquids would suffice for a very satisfactory period of operation. The problem to be solved before these liquids could be applied in a practical manner was to evolve suitable apparatus for vaporizing them without waste. Among the liquids that can be combined with air and burned, gasoline is the most common and is the fuel utilized by the majority of internal combustion engines employed in self-propelled conveyances. The problem of gasoline storage and method of supplying the carburetor is one that is determined solely by design of the car. While the object of designers should be to supply the fuel to the carburetor by as simple means as possible, the fuel supply system of some cars is quite complex. The first point to consider is the location of the gasoline tank. This depends upon the amount of fuel needed and the space available in the car.

A very simple and compact fuel supply system is where the tank is placed in the motor compartment or under the cowl. The power plant in such cars is usually an engine of low power and correspondingly low fuel consumption. As it does not require much gasoline to run a small engine one can obtain a satisfactory touring radius on one filling of a comparatively small tank. When the fuel container is suspended near the dashboard and placed immediately back of and above the engine cylinders, the carburetor may be joined to the tank by a short piece of copper tubing. This is the simplest possible form of fuel supply system.

The old method of supplying gasoline to the carburetor when the tank was carried so low that the fuel would not flow by its own weight was to pump air or gas into the supply tank and displace the gasoline by its pressure, but now a vacuum feed tank is used. From the main supply tank the fuel goes to a small auxiliary tank carried on the dash of the power plant compartment. A short pipe connects this small container with the carburetor, and as this auxiliary tank is higher than the mixing device the fuel will flow to the carburetor by gravity.

If gasoline under pressure was fed directly to the carburetor it might result in an oversupply of fuel because there might exist pressure enough to force the gasoline into the float chamber because the shut-off needle valve would not seat positively. The auxiliary tank, which draws fuel by engine suction from a tank at the rear, is provided with an automatic cut-off mechanism, which interrupts the fuel supply when the small container is properly filled. The various parts of such a fuel system are shown at Fig. 12.

What a Carburetor Should Do.-While it is apparent that the chief function of a carburetor device is to mix gasoline vapors with air to secure mixtures that will burn, there are a number of factors which must be considered before describing the principles of vaporizing devices. Almost any device which permits a current of air to pass over or through a volatile liquid fuel will produce a gas which will explode when compressed and ignited in the motor cylinder. Modern carburetors are not only called upon to supply certain quantities of gas, but these must deliver a mixture to the cylinders that is accurately proportioned and which will be of proper composition at all engine speeds. Flexible control of the engine is sought by varying the engine speed by regulating the supply of gas to the cylinders. power plant should run from its lowest to its highest speed without any irregularity in torque, i. e., the acceleration should be gradual rather than spasmodic.

A carburetor consists of a float or feed chamber which maintains a constant height of gasoline in a spray nozzle carried in a mixing compartment where gasoline is sprayed into the entering air stream drawn into the engine cylinders by the suction or pumping effect of the pistons as they descend on their suction strokes. The gasoline vapor and air mix to form a gas which can be ignited by an electric spark when it is properly compressed in the cylinders, this gas entering through the inlet valves and intake manifold which joins the vaporizing device to the cylinders. Adjustment means are usually provided on the carburetor to vary the mixture proportions by changing either the gasoline supply or air flow.

Ignition Methods.—The other essential auxiliary group of the automobile power plant, and one absolutely necessary to insure engine action, is the ignition system, or the method employed of kindling the compressed gas in the cylinder to produce an explosion and useful power. The ignition system has been fully as well developed as other parts of the automobile, and at the present time practically all ignition systems follow principles which have become standard through wide acceptance. The essential elements of any ignition system are: First, a simple and practicable method of current production; second, suitable timing apparatus to cause the spark to occur at the right point in the cycle of engine action; third, suitable wiring and other apparatus to convey the current produced by the generator to the sparking member in the cylinder. Dry batteries are the simplest method of current generation, but storage batteries are mostly used at the present time.

Two distinct types of mechanical generators are in common use and, while their principles of action are practically the same, they differ somewhat in construction and application. The forms first used to succeed the battery were modifications of the larger dynamo electric machines used for delivering current for power and lighting. Later developments resulted in the simplification of the dynamo by which it was made lighter and more efficient, and the magneto igniter is the form furnished on some modern power plants. A dynamo uses electro-magnets to produce a magnetic field for the armature to revolve in and is necessarily somewhat heavier and larger than a magneto of equal capacity because the field in the latter instrument is produced by permanent magnets. An important advantage in using the magneto form of construction is that the weight of the windings is saved because the permanent magnets retain their magnetism and do not réquire the continual energizing that an electro-magnet demands.

The dynamo construction is superior where a continual drain is made upon the apparatus, as in modern lighting and electric starting systems, because if a magneto is used continuously the magnets are liable to lose some of their strength, and as the magnetic field existing between the pole pieces decreases in value the amount of current delivered by the apparatus diminishes in direct proportion. When electro-magnets are used the constant flow of electrical energy through the windings keeps them energized to the proper point, and, as current is continuously supplied, the strength of the magnetic field remains constant. The dynamo form of generator is utilized where currents of considerable value are needed, such as in electric lighting systems now so widely used on automobiles.

When the device is depended upon only to furnish ignition current the magneto is preferred by some engineers because it is simpler and lighter than the dynamo, and also because it may be made in such form that it will comprise a complete ignition system in itself. When a dynamo is utilized the conditions are just the same, as far as necessary auxiliary apparatus is concerned, as though batteries were used and one merely substitutes a mechanical generator in place of the chemical cells. The same auxiliary apparatus necessary in one case is employed in the other as well. Anyone familiar with the basic principles of internal combustion engine action will recognize the need of incorporating some device in the ignition system which will insure that the igniting spark will occur only in the cylinder that is ready to be fired and at the right time in the cycle of operations. There is a certain definite point at which the spark must take place, this having been determined to be at the end of the compression up stroke, at which time the gas has been properly compacted and the piston is about to start returning to the bottom of the cylinder again. Timers or distributors are a form of switch designed so that hundreds of positive contacts which are necessary to close and open the ignition circuit may be made per minute without failure.

When the device is employed to open and close a low-tension circuit it is known as a commutator or timer, and when used in connection with current of high voltage they are called secondary distributors. Certain constructional details make one form different from the other and while they perform the same functions they vary in design. Such distributing devices are

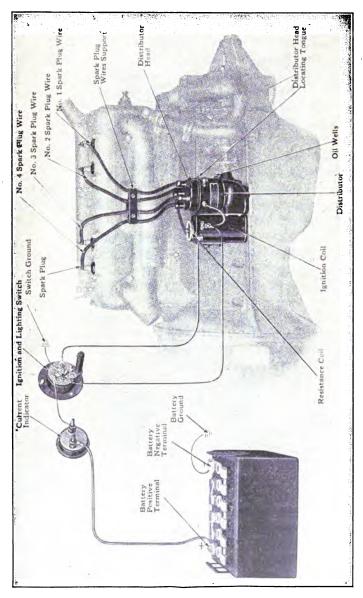


Fig. 13.—The Battery Ignition System of the Dodge Brothers Motor Car is Typical of Present Day Practice.

always driven by positive gearing from the engine and are timed so that the sparks will occur in the cylinders at just the proper ignition time. The usual construction is to use a fixed insulated case which carries one or more contact members disposed around its periphery and a central interior revolving member or cam which contacts with the points on the body of the device to close any desired circuit. The location of a device of this character is clearly shown in Fig. 13, which also shows the other parts of the ignition system.

The current obtained from the dry or storage battery or low-tension dynamo or magneto is not sufficiently powerful to leap the gap which exists between the points of the spark plug in the cylinder unless it is transformed to a current having a higher voltage. The air gap between the points of the spark plug has a resistance which requires several thousand volts pressure to overcome, and as a battery will only deliver six to eight volts, it will be evident that, unless the current value is increased, it could not produce a spark between the plug electrodes. The low voltage current is transformed to one of higher potential by means of a device known as the induction coil, plainly shown in The current from the battery is passed through a primary coil in this device and is composed of a number of layers This induces a higher voltage current in the of coarse wire. secondary coil wound around it and composed of many turns of very fine wire. With the high tension system of ignition the spark is produced by a current of high voltage jumping between two spark plug points, which break the complete circuit that would exist otherwise in the secondary coil and its external connections. The spark plug is in a simple device which consists of two terminal electrodes carried in a suitable shell member, which is screwed into the cylinder. The secondary wires from the coil are attached to terminals at the top of a central electrode member which is supported in a bushing of some form of insulating material. Some employ a molded porcelain as an insulator, while others use a bushing of mica. The insulating bushing and electrode are housed in a steel body, which is provided with a screw thread at the bottom, by which it is screwed

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into the combustion chamber. The current entering at the top of the plug cannot reach the ground, which is represented by the metal portion of the engine, until it has traversed the full length of the central electrode and overcome the resistance of the gap between it and the terminal point on the shell. All wiring of a modern battery ignition system is shown at Fig. 13.

The magneto is a simple form of dynamo and a mechanical

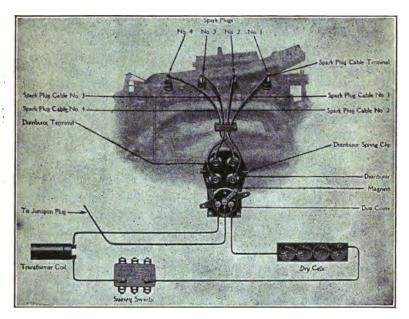


Fig. 14.—The Dual Magneto Ignition System Used on Maxwell Automobiles.

generator of electricity in which permanent magnets are used to produce the magnetic field and between which the armature revolves. The permanent magnets are called "field magnets" and at their ends are provided with cast iron shoes which form the walls of the armature tunnel and which are known as pole pieces. A magneto consists of two compound horse shoe magnets attached to the pole pieces which collect and concentrate the magnetism upon the armature. The armature is shuttle-shaped

and carries a double winding of wire which consists of two coils, one of coarse, the other of fine conductor. The armature is attached to end pieces which carry shafts and the whole assembly revolves on annular ball bearings. An ebonite or hard rubber spool is carried at one end while the condenser is housed at the other. The make-and-break mechanism is partly carried by an oscillating casing and the revolving member is turned from the armature shaft. The current generated in the armature coils is delivered to a metal ring on the ebonite spool, from which it is taken by a carbon brush and delivered directly to the spark plugs. Every time the contact points in the make-and-break device become separated, a current of high potential passes through one of the wires attached to the spark plugs and produces a spark between its points. The magneto is the simplest and most practical form of ignition appliance, as it is selfcontained and includes the current generator and the timing device in one unit. In the one-cylinder form all connections are made inside of the device and but one wire leading to the spark plug is necessary to form the external circuit. A magneto employed for multiple-cylinder ignition is not much more complicated than that used for single-cylinder service, the only difference being that a different form of cam is provided in the breaker box and that a secondary distributor is added to commutate the current to the plugs in the various cylinders. distributor consists of a block of insulating material fixed to the magnets which carries as many segments as there are cylinders to be fired. A central distributing arm or segment is driven from the armature shaft by means of gearing and is employed to distribute the high-tension current to segments connected to the spark plugs in the cylinders by flexible wire conductors. typical magneto ignition system such as used on Maxwell cars is shown at Fig. 14.

· How Engine Is Lubricated.—The importance of minimizing friction at the various bearing surfaces of machines to secure mechanical efficiency is fully recognized by all mechanics, and proper lubricity of all parts of the mechanism is a very essential factor upon which the durability and successful operation of the

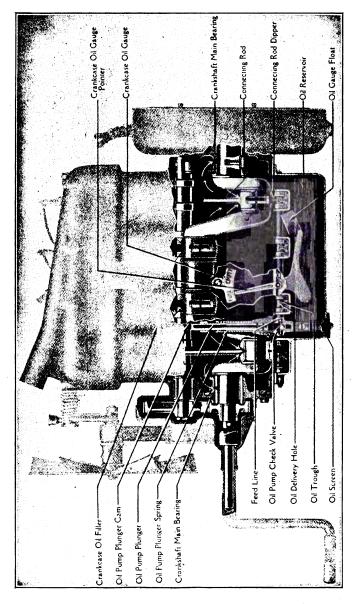


Fig. 15.—Sectional View of Crank Case of Maxwell Four Cylinder Engine, Showing Typical Constant Level Splash System of Lubrication.

motor car power plant depends. All of the moving members of the engine which are in contact with other portions, whether the motion is continuous or intermittent, of high or low velocity, or of rectilinear or continued rotary nature, should be provided with an adequate supply of oil. No other assemblage of mechanism is operated under conditions which are so much to its disadvantage as the motor car engine, and the modern tendency is toward a simplification of oiling methods so that the supply will be ample and automatically applied to the points needing it.

In all machinery in motion the members which are in contact have a tendency to stick to each other and the very minute projections which exist on even the smoothest of surfaces would have a tendency to cling or adhere to each other if the surfaces were not kept apart by some elastic and unctuous substance. This will flow or spread out over the surfaces and smooth out the inequalities existing which tend to produce heat and retard motion of the pieces relative to each other. The method of supplying the lubricant will depend largely upon the nature of the part to be oiled as well as the character of the oily medium.

The various internal parts of the gasoline engine demand continual lubrication and means must be provided which will insure positive supply of lubricant in measured quantities for more or less extended periods. Engine lubricators should be positive in action and not liable to be affected by varying weather conditions. The lubricant should not be supplied in excess and in some systems it is desirable that the feeds be adjusted as desired and independently of each other. Any oiling device should be as nearly automatic in action as possible and the modern types should require but little further attention from the motorist than to keep a proper amount of lubricant in the container. The oil feed to the moving parts should start as soon as the engine begins to turn and the supply be interrupted when the mechanism stops. The only system which combines all the desirable features is that which includes a mechanical drive from the source of power. Lubricators may be divided into two classes, those which depend upon natural phenomena such as attraction of gravity or displacement of air pressure

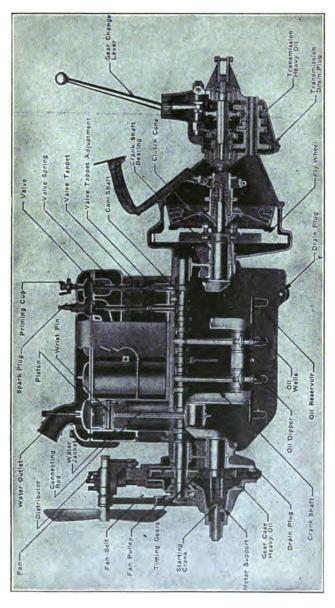


Fig. 16.—Part Sectional View of Dort Four Cylinder Unit Power Plant, Showing Important Parts of Motor, Clutch and Change Speed Gearing,

and others which are worked by mechanical means and which deliver the oil in measured quantities by positively driven pumps. The former are never used now on automobile engines, as reliability is essential without calling for constant attention.

Oil Supply by Constant Level Splash System.—The splash system of lubrication that depends on the connecting rod to distribute the lubricant is one of the most successful and simplest forms if some means of maintaining a constant level is provided. If too much oil is supplied the surplus will work past the piston rings and into the combustion chamber, where it will burn and cause carbon deposits. Too much oil will also cause an engine to smoke and an excess of lubricating oil is usually manifested by a bluish white smoke coming from the exhaust pipe. A good method of maintaining a constant level of oil for the successful application of the splash system is shown at Fig. 15. The engine base casting has a separate chamber attached to it which serves as an oil container and which is below the level of oil in the crank case. The lubricant is drawn from the sump or oil container by means of a positive oil pump which discharges directly into the troughs under each connecting rod in the engine base. The level is maintained by an overflow which allows all excess lubricant to flow back into the oil container at the bottom of the engine base. Before passing into the pump again the oil is strained or filtered by a screen of wire gauze and all foreign matter removed. Owing to the rapid circulation of oil it may be used over and over again for quite a period of time. New oil is introduced directly into the crank case by a breather pipe and the amount available is indicated by a simple gauge.

Power Transmission Parts.—A typical power transmission group such as employed in the Dort gasoline automobile is depicted in Fig. 16. In this the power is applied to the crankshaft of the motor and from thence it is delivered to the motor flywheel which forms the female member of a friction clutch. The male member of the clutch is coupled to the change speed gearing and this in turn is joined to the driving pinion in the rear axle by a length of shaft not shown in the illustration.

The driving pinion delivers its power to a bevel driving gear which is carried by the differential in the rear axle housing. From the differential gear independent shafts or axles drive the rear wheel hubs.

The function of the clutch is to permit the engine to be run independently of the transmission gearing when desired. The engine can drive the car only when one of the sets of gears in the gearset and the clutch are engaged simultaneously. For example, if the clutch is out or released, even if the gears were in mesh in the change speed device, the rear wheels would not be turned until the clutch cone was allowed to engage the female member formed in the flywheel rim. At the other hand, when the parts are as shown with the clutch in engagement and the speed gears out of mesh the engine crankshaft will revolve without turning the rear wheels.

The most important requirement in considering clutch forms is that such devices be capable of transmitting the maximum power of the engines to which they are fitted without any power loss due to slipping. A clutch must be easy to operate and but little exertion should be required of the operator. When the clutch takes hold, the engine power should be transmitted to the gearset and driving means in a gradual and uniform manner, or the resulting shock may seriously injure the mechanism. When released it is imperative that the two portions of the clutch disengage positively so that there will be no continued rotation of the parts after the clutch is disengaged.

The design should be carefully considered with a view of providing as much friction surface as possible to prevent excessive slipping and loss of power. It is very desirable to have a clutch that will be absolutely silent whether engaged or disengaged. If the clutch parts are located in an accessible manner it may be easily removed for inspection, cleaning or repairs. It is desirable that some adjustment be provided, so a certain amount of wear can be compensated for without expensive replacement. A simple, substantial design with but few operating parts as illustrated is more to be desired than a complex device which may have a few minor advantages, but which is

more likely to cause trouble. The friction clutch in its various efficient types is the one that more nearly realizes the requirements of the ideal clutch.

How Sliding Gearsets Operate.—The majority of change speed gearsets which have been generally fitted to automobile service are sliding gear arrangements. In the selective system it is possible to go into any one of the speeds or gear ratios desired without passing into other speeds and with but a limited movement of the shifting members. The sliding gear system was one of the first to receive general application in early forms of motor vehicles and in its primitive condition it was but a modification of the back gearing used on certain classes of machine tools such as lathes, drill presses, etc. One of the advantages of this type when compared to other gear transmissions, such as the planetary, is that it is possible to provide a greater number of speed changes and obtain a higher driving efficiency when on the lower ratios because but two pairs of gears are in mesh.

The usual number of gear ratios provided is three forward speeds and one reverse motion. On some of the heavier touring cars four forward speeds are provided and when this is done engineers differ as to whether the direct drive should be on the third ratio and the fourth speed obtained by gearing up and having the driving shaft revolve faster than the main shaft of the engine or have the fourth speed a direct drive, the crankshaft and the driving shaft turn at the same speed. Those who favor the former method contend that as most of the regular driving is done at a medium rather than at an extreme high speed the direct drive on the third is preferable to a direct drive on the highest ratio. If the highest speed was obtained by a direct drive the natural tendency of the motorist would be to use this most, but there would be many conditions where the ratio would be too high and one of the lower gears would have to be used. If the direct drive was obtained in the third ratio this would be employed the greater part of the time, and as there would be less wear on the gearing with the direct drive engaged it would be preferable to use this as much as possible.

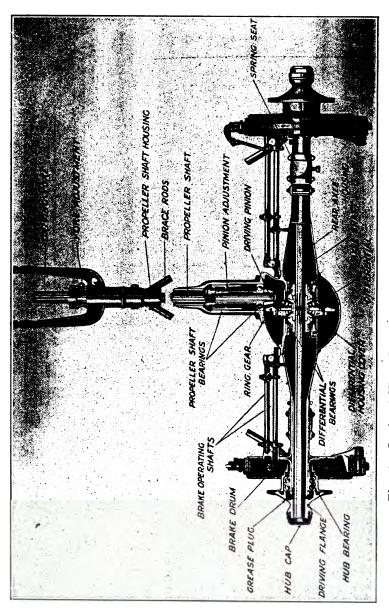


Fig. 17,-Sectional View, Showing Construction of Buick Rear Axle.

The operation is extremely simple. The gears on the countershaft are not shifted as they are firmly secured thereto. The sliding members are carried on the main shaft and can engage gears of varying diameter on the lay shaft, the relation between the diameter of the gears engaged determining the gear ratio.

Frame Parts.—Among the parts of the motor car that may be considered closely related to the frame are the side members. cross pieces and braces. It is necessary to have supporting irons by which the mud guards are carried over the front and rear wheels and also to have step hangers to which the running boards are attached. Mud guard supporting irons are usually bolted to the frame or fit into suitable sockets so they may be easily removed. As there is no occasion for removing the running board supporting irons, it is common practice to rivet these to the frame side members. Barring an accident the frame of a car is not likely to be damaged, and in order to prevent loosening of this essential part of the automobile chassis all of the members comprising the frame form a permanent assembly because they are riveted together. The springs by which the weight of the car is carried and which promote easy riding are considered as frame parts. Springs of many forms have been used in automobiles, but the practice has become standardized at the present time to the use of laminated leaf springs in their various forms. Semi-elliptic springs are the most popular for suspending the front end of the car and cantilever springs seem to be the most popular equipment for rear end of 1917 cars. A number of cars use the three-quarter elliptic spring, and the employment of other types, such as full elliptic, platform and transverse springs, is so rare as to be unconventional design. The frame also supports the steering gear and in some cases the clutch and brake pedal assembly and the change speed gear controlling levers when mounted independently of the power plant. In some types of cars radius and torque rods are used to keep the axles in proper relation to the frame. This construction is being rapidly succeeded by the simpler form in which the rear springs are used to keep the axle in its proper relation to the frame, to take the push of the drive and to resist

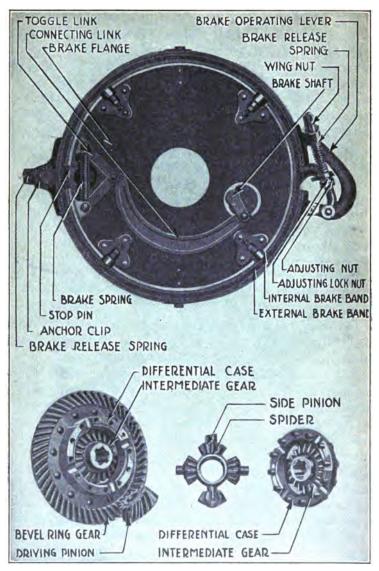


Fig. 18.—At Top, Brake Assembly of Buick Automobile, Showing Relation of Internal Expanding and External Contracting Band Brakes. At Bottom, the Spiral Bevel Driving Gears and Differential Parts are Shown.

the turning action of the axle when the wheels are turning to drive the car or when the brakes are applied. A typical rear end of an automobile frame is shown at Fig. 20.

Rear Axles and Brakes.—Rear axles have been made in many forms, but the live axle is a type generally used on modern automobiles. This is called a live axle because the non-rotatable axle housing contains moving parts, as will be seen by reference to Fig. 17. This axle is termed a one bearing full floating con-

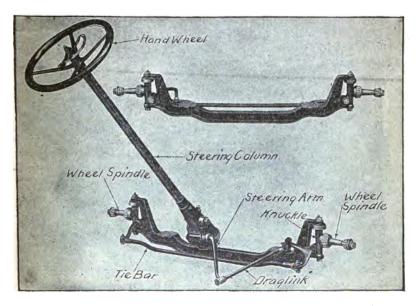


Fig. 19.—Conventional Automobile Steering\_System.

struction because only one bearing is used in each rear wheel. The power of the engine goes through a clutch and from there to change speed gearing as previously explained. From the gear box the drive is by a propeller shaft, which in the axle illustrated is housed in a torque tube and carries at its lower end a beveled pinion which meshes with a large bevel or ring gear attached to the differential mechanism. From the differential, axle shafts extend to each rear wheel and it is through these

members that the engine power is transmitted to the wheel hubs. In order to eliminate friction as much as possible, all rotating shafts are carried by ball bearings because these members carry heavy loads with very little loss of power.

The differential mechanism which is illustrated at Fig. 18 is a very important part of a live rear axle. Its function is to permit one wheel to turn faster or slower than the other when rounding curves. It is evident that as the car turns a corner

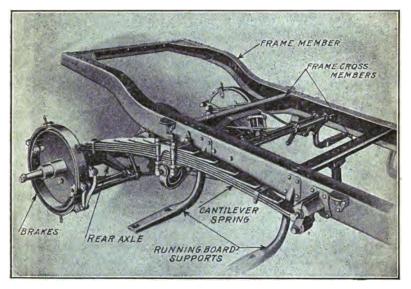


Fig. 20.—Rear Portion of Typical Automobile Chassis Frame, Showing Location of Rear Axle and Cantilever Spring Suspension.

the inner wheel is describing a smaller circle than the outer one and therefore should not turn as fast. If the two wheels were joined rigidly together by a solid or one-piece axle member they would have to turn at the same speed. Whenever a corner was turned, the inner wheel would have to slip considerably which would cause tire wear. The differential mechanism is an assembly of bevel gears on most cars and is placed at the center of the axle and between the two rear wheels. Independent wheel driving shafts are used, each one going to an independent differ-

ential gear, though these are meshed with small bevel pinions which cause them to turn in the proper relation. When the vehicle is on a straight path and the resistance to the movement of each wheel is approximately the same, the differential mechanism revolves as a unit, no relative movement of the internal gearing takes place and both wheels are driven at the same speed. As soon as the resistance to wheel rotation becomes unequal the wheel that has the greatest resistance tends to remain stationary, the wheel that has the least resistance revolves.

Another important part of the car control system that is usually incorporated in the rear construction are the brakes. These act on drums attached to the rear wheels and usually two distinct braking effects are used on each brake drum. The brake assembly shown at the top of Fig. 18 is typical of standard practice in this regard. The external brake is a steel band lined with heat resisting asbestos fabric. It closes around the brake drum to retard its motion. The internal brake consists of a band also faced with frictional material which is expanded or spread out by toggle leverage so that it exerts a retarding influence against the inside of the drum. The external brakes are usually operated by a foot pedal placed close to the clutch pedal, while the internal brakes are actuated by rods connected to the hand lever. Adjustment means are provided to compensate for wear as the brakes are used.

How Automobiles Are Steered.—The problem of steering the motor car is a somewhat different one than that of directing a horse-drawn vehicle, because in the animal-drawn conveyance the shafts which are attached to the front axle are used to turn the vehicle as well as to pull it along. The front axle is usually pivoted at a central point and turns on a fifth wheel arrangement. When it is desired to turn in either direction the animal is guided by the reins and the axle is turned at an angle to the body sufficient to allow the vehicle to describe a curve. In most motor vehicles the propulsive force is applied to the rear wheels and the structure is pushed from behind instead of being pulled, as is the case with a horse-drawn conveyance. Obviously, it

would not be practical to turn the entire axle under the car, because if it described a too acute angle when the car was driven at high speed it would be extremely difficult to control the vehicle.

This was very ingeniously overcome by an engineer named Ackerman, who devised the pivoted axle which is commonly accepted as the proper method of steering automobiles. consists of a fixed axle member, as shown at Fig. 19, attached to a frame by suitable springs or other means in such a way that it can move only in a vertical direction under the influence of road irregularities. The wheels are mounted on spindles carried in a yoke at each end of the axle, and when it is desired to turn an automobile only the wheels are turned instead of moving the entire axle assembly as is the case in a horse-drawn vehicle. In order to actuate the steering knuckles, suitable mechanism that will be easily operated must be placed convenient to the driver. The earlier forms of automobiles were provided with forms of tillers very similar to those employed in controlling boats, but while these simple levers gave a certain degree of satisfaction on light cars operated at slow speeds, the development of the higher speed vehicles made necessary more easily handled and positive forms of steering gears. The disadvantages of the tiller are that it may be whipped out of the operator's hands by road irregularities, and it was very tiresome to hold because of the continual vibration.

With the modern forms of wheel-steering devices the hands are always in an easy position, the wheels may be readily operated, and because of the elimination of vibration by the feature of irreversibility provided by most steering gears of conventional construction, no road shock can loosen the grip of the driver, nor is he fatigued by continued movement of the wheel. Steering gears are made in a variety of forms and all types have their adherents. The accepted construction is clearly illustrated. In this the steering wheel is attached to a rod which carries a worm at its lower end. This worm meshes with a worm gear to which a steering arm is attached, and a rotary movement of the hand wheel will produce a reciprocating movement of the

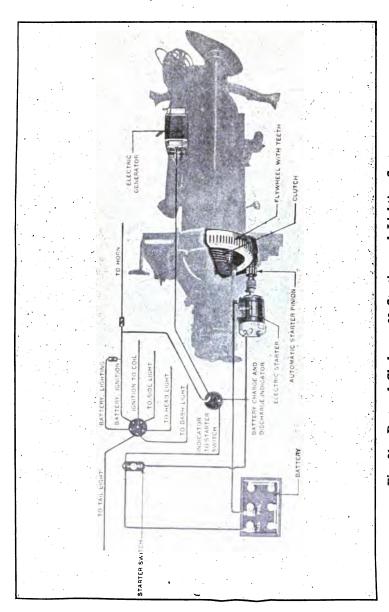


Fig. 21.—Parts of Chalmers 30 Starting and Lighting Systems.

steering arm at the lower end of the steering column. The steering arm is coupled to one of the steering knuckles of the front axle by a connecting link and the movement imparted to the one steering knuckle is transferred to the other one by means of the tiebar which joins them so they must move in unison.

Electric Starting and Lighting Systems.—One of the greatest improvements made in the modern automobile is the use of an

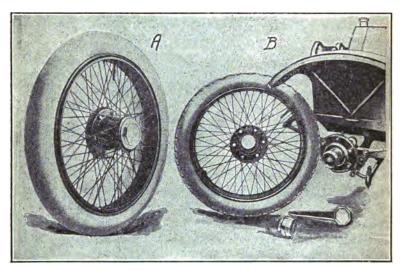


Fig. 22.—Typical Detachable Wire Wheel.

electric motor to start the gasoline engine, which relieves the driver of the hand cranking necessary on early models. As electric current is used for this purpose it is very easy to use it for lighting as well, which is another great convenience. Cars of several years ago used kerosene oil lamps and searchlights burning acetylene gas. The modern cars have more powerful lighting systems and at the same time the lights can be obtained by the simple act of turning of a switch. While electric lighting and starting systems are made in numerous forms, all of these may be arranged in two main classifications. The one-unit system is the simplest because in this a combined motor-dynamo

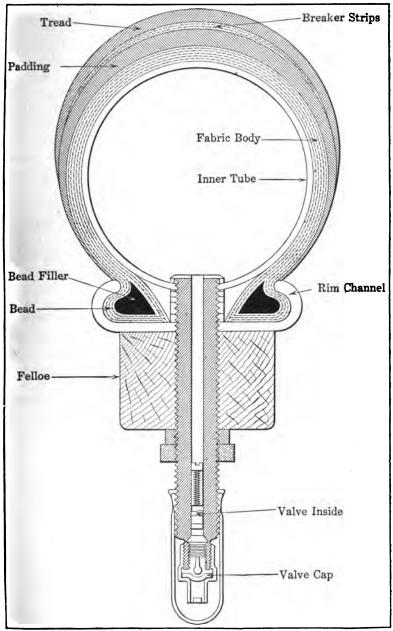


Fig. 23.—Outlining Construction of Pneumatic Tire Fitted to Simple Clincher Rim.

answers for generating current when the engine is running and for starting the engine when it is stopped. In the two-unit system, the main parts of which are shown at Fig. 21, the generator and starting motor are independent and uni-functional. The generator is used only to supply current to the storage battery. The starting motor is employed exclusively for turning over the engine crankshaft. This is easily accomplished by means of a small pinion carried by the armature shaft of the motor, which automatically engages a large gear cut in or attached to the flywheel rim.

It is not within the scope of work of this character to discuss electric starting or lighting systems at length. It is sufficient to explain that all the while the engine is running above a certain predetermined speed that the generator is delivering current to the storage battery. Some method of governing the current output is always provided to prevent the generation of too much electricity at high engine speeds and a consequent overcharging of the battery. Similarly a cut-out device is interposed between the storage battery and the generator to prevent the battery from discharging through the current producer when that was turning so slowly that it was generating the current weaker than that of the battery and therefore unable to oppose the flow of the stronger current. All that is necessary to bring the starting motor into action is to close the circuit between the storage battery and the motor windings by means of a foot-operated switch. If the ignition switch is closed so the spark takes place in the engine cylinders the engine will start after the flywheel has been turned over several times by the electric motor. lights are supplied from the storage battery and are controlled by an independent switch.

Detachable Wire Wheel.—Many recent models of automobiles will be found equipped with wire wheels of some form or other. Improvements have been made in the method of lacing wire wheels so that the forms used for automobiles are very strong. This is due to a method known as triple spoke lacing as this provides a combination that permits the wheel to support radial, torsional, side thrust, and shock stresses in a much superior

manner to the old double spoke lacing formerly used on light automobiles and widely applied on bicycles and motorcycles.

A typical triple spoke wheel of Houk manufacture is shown at Fig. 22 A, while the method by which it is fastened to the master hub is clearly shown at Fig. 22 B. Most wire wheels are made so as to be easily detachable from a master hub which is not removed from the wheel spindle or axle and which is supported by the bearings or axle shafts. The wire wheel is built up with an auxiliary pressed steel hub as a basis which is provided with a series of holes to fit over driving pins attached to

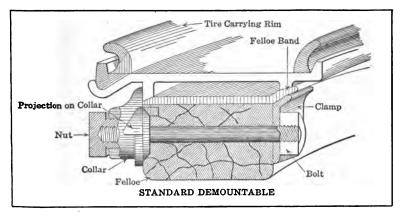


Fig. 24.—Quick Detachable Demountable Rim for Straight Side Tires.

the flange of the master hub and which is formed on the inside with two tapered seats, the angle of the tapers being opposed to each other. One of the male tapers forms part of the master hub which is shown at B in place on the front wheel spindle while the other male taper is on the locking nut. When the lock nut is screwed onto the threaded end of the master hub, which is sometimes termed the inner or fixed hub, it forces the female taper on the inside of the pressed steel wheel hub against the male taper on the master hub. The torsional force is applied to the wheel through substantial driving pins which engage with registering hold in the hub flanges. A spare wheel with fully

inflated tire may be carried and a quick change made in event of a puncture.

Pneumatic Tires and Rims.—The pneumatic tire of the present day is invariably of the double tube type and is composed of two members, the inner tube and the shoe or carcass. inner member is utilized to retain the air and is made of a very pure rubber, about an eighth of an inch thick for cars of average weight. While this tube is very elastic and is air-tight, it would not be strong enough or have adequate resistance to be run directly in contact with the road surface; therefore it is necessary to protect it by a shoe composed of layers of fabric and rubber composition. The shoe member is provided with beads on its inner periphery designed to interlock with the rim channel, as shown at Fig. 28. The air is introduced into the tire through a simple form of automatic valve which is securely attached to the inner tube. As the inner tube becomes distended by the air pumped into it, it forces the beads of the tire outward and clinches the shoe so firmly in the rim channel that it will be impossible to dislodge it without the use of special tire irons, and then only when the air pressure is relieved from the inner tube.

In order to reduce the time occupied in changing tires, which is needed to adjust the shoe properly and blow up the inner tube, a number of demountable rims have been devised. The wheel felloe carries a metal rim, and to this is attached a second member on which the tire is mounted. The tire-carrying rim may be securely attached to the wheel by means of suitable and quickly operated clamping bolts, rings or wedges. demountable rims are fitted, instead of carrying the usual deflated spare outer casing, fully inflated tires are carried on rims similar to the demountable portions, and when the tire is punctured the damaged one and its rim are removed as a unit and a new, fully inflated member replaced. When it is necessary to remove the shoe, as in the ordinary single-rim construction, the operation of replacing a tire will take from ten to fifteen minutes under favorable conditions, but with quickdemountable rims the operation of changing a tire will take only two or three minutes. Demountable rims are more expensive than the simpler forms, but the convenience and elimination of time-consuming delay, as well as the saving in labor, more than compensates for the increased cost of equipment.

Numerous forms of demountable rims have been devised, but few have survived the test of time and have received general application. At Fig. 29 a combination of quick-detachable and demountable rims is shown. With this construction the advantages of both types are obtained without disadvantages of any moment, excepting those of cost of equipment. The quick-detachable type of rim makes it possible to change the tires very easily, should this be necessary, and makes for more easy removal for repairing when the damaged tires are restored to their efficient condition. In this form the tire-carrying rim is held on the felloe band by a clamping collar mounted on the stud and forced in place by a nut on the outer end of the stud. The construction is so clearly shown that its advantages will be readily understood.

## CHAPTER II

## GENERAL STARTING AND DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS

Suggestions for Oiling—How Motor Should Be Started—Handling Spark and Throttle Levers—Why Spark is Advanced—How Greatest Fuel Economy is Secured—Controlling Cars With Friction Transmission—Planetary Gearset Control—Operating Sliding Gearsets—Stopping the Car—Steering Wheel Position—Conventional Control System—Clutch Actuation Important—Shifting Gears Easily—General Driving Instructions—Rules of the Road and Motoring Courtesies—Things to Remember.

Suggestions for Oiling.—One of the most important points to be observed in connection with gasoline automobile operation is that all parts be oiled regularly. It is not enough to apply lubricant indiscriminately to the various chassis parts, but it must be done systematically and logically to secure the best results and insure the economical use of lubricant. The most important parts are the power plant and transmission system, and the engine is but one point in the car that must be properly oiled at all times to obtain satisfactory results. Some of the running gear parts are relatively unimportant, others demand regular inspection and oiling.

A very comprehensive oiling chart is presented at Fig. 25, this showing practically all of the points on a modern car that require oil as well as giving instructions regarding the character of the lubricant needed and how often it should be applied. Some of the points are governed by special instructions, these being the clutch, transmission case, timer and rear axle. The points of the clutch which need lubricant vary with the form of the clutch employed. Multiple-disk types which run in oil must be kept filled up with the proper grade of lubricant. At the other hand, cone and dry plate clutches work better without

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any lubricant between the surfaces. When a cone clutch is employed, it is sometimes desirable to soften the leather facings with a little castor oil or neatsfoot oil, if the action is beginning to get hard. A transmission gear case which is moderately tight can be filled with a good grade of steam engine cylinder oil, and real heavy grease should not be used if the transmission shafts run on ball or roller bearings. A heavy cylinder oil will have sufficient viscosity to cushion the teeth of the gears against shock and at the same time it will not be too heavy to flow into the bearings and lubricate them properly.

Neither the transmission case nor the differential case on the rear axle should be filled with the heavy "dope" widely sold, which may contain wood fiber or cork particles to make for more silent gear operation. If gearing is noisy it is either because it is worn or out of adjustment, and the use of nostrums and freak lubricants will not improve their operation. The rear axle differential housing should be filled with a medium, pure petroleum grease as it is possible to get, those having about the consistency of vaseline being the most desirable as lubricants. Light oils should never be used in either the transmission gear case or in the rear axle housing, because these will not stay in place, will leak out and will not have sufficient body to cushion the gear teeth.

The only other point on the chart which needs explanation is lubrication of the timer interior. This should only be oiled when it is a roller contact form, as on Ford cars, and then a few drops of dynamo, magneto or spindle oil applied to the roll and the contact segments once a week is all that is necessary. If the timer is a form using platinum contact points, as on most cars, it does not need any lubricant. Never use graphite grease or any heavy oil in a timer or distributor case because these will not only interfere with regular ignition by short circuiting the current, but they will clog up the timer and prevent the roller establishing proper contact with the segments.

After a car is oiled it is well to go over all the exposed joints with a piece of cloth to remove the accumulation of surplus oil or grease on the outside of the parts, which serves no useful purpose and which only acts to attract and retain dust and grit. The instructions given on the chart can be followed to advantage on practically all types of gasoline cars, though, of course, the different constructions will have to be treated as the peculiarities of design dictate.

How the Motor Should Be Started.—One of the most important points in the education of the novice motorist is the best method of starting the motor if a self starting device is not provided. Before the engine is set in motion certain precautions must be observed regardless of the make or type of car. The gasoline tank, radiator and lubricating oil container should be inspected to make sure there is enough fuel, water and lubricating oil. The shut-off valve in the pipe line leading from the gasoline tank to the carburetor is opened so the fuel will flow to the vaporizer. The carburetor should be primed by means of a small plunger usually carried in the floatbowl cover, and if a small resistance is felt to the downward movement of the primer or if gasoline escapes from the bottom of the mixing device, this may be considered a positive indication the fuel from the tank has reached the carburetor and that gasoline is present at the spray orifice. The next step is to see that the change-speed lever is in a neutral position or that the clutch pedal is disengaged. The spark control lever, which is usually carried on the steering wheel, should be set at full retard point. In some cars this may be at the back of the sector, while the retard position may be the other extreme in other motor cars.

If one attempts to set an engine in motion by means of a hand crank with the spark lever advanced so that an early spark is obtained, the motor may "kick back," and this reversal of motion, which is due to premature combustion, may sprain the wrist or break an arm. It will be well to open the throttle or gas lever a little to insure that a charge of combustible gas will be inspired into the motor. The engine should be turned over several times as briskly as possible, and then the switch which completes the electrical circuit between the battery and the ignition mechanism should be put into circuit and the switch plug inserted. The hand crank is pushed in until it engages

a ratchet member on the front end of the crankshaft, and then the motor should be turned by pulling up on the starting handle with the left hand.

The hand crank should always be engaged so that an upward pull will be necessary to turn the crankshaft, and the point that cannot be too firmly impressed upon the embryo motorist's mind is that gasoline engines should always be started by pulling up on the handle of the starting crank, never by pushing down. If the starting handle has been properly placed and the engine has been turned over enough with the switch open so the cylinders hold a gas charge, and the switch circuit is closed when a decided resistance is felt as the crank is turned, indicating that the piston in the cylinder in which the gas charge is about to explode is nearing the compression point, a single quick, strong up pull on the crank should be sufficient to start any properly adjusted motor.

Multiple-cylinder engines, especially those of the four and six-cylinder types, are started much more easily than the one and two-cylinder forms. These can often be started by turning the starting handle over briskly so the motor will take in gas but without the switch closing the electric circuit. To start the motor the switch is closed and a spark will be produced in the cylinder about to fire (only in cars equipped with battery ignition) by moving the spark lever from one end of the sector to the other. As soon as the engine becomes started it should be kept from racing by shutting down the supply of gas to the point where the motor will turn freely and yet slowly.

Handling Spark and Throttle Levers.—Most hydrocarbon vehicle motors have a certain degree of flexibility, i. e., they may be run slow or fast, and the speed may be accelerated or cut down as desired within a range from 200 revolutions per minute to the maximum, which will vary with the type of motor, some running as high as 3,000 r. p. m. This is an important advantage, inasmuch as it permits one to regulate the vehicle speed on most occasions by a touch of the throttle alone. The engine speed of practically all automobiles is controlled by two ways, though usually these are employed in conjunction. One of these

consists of varying the time of the spark in the cylinder, the other regulating the amount of gas supplied. The throttle, in some cases, may be controlled by three distinct means. One of these is a governor which shuts off the gas supply automatically if motor speeds exceed a certain predetermined point. Governors are used only on commercial vehicles. The governor may be temporarily dispensed with by pressing down on the accelerator pedal, which will open the throttle directly, or by means of the throttle lever carried on top of the steering column. The usual method of driving is to set the throttle lever at a point which will give the minimum speed desired and depend upon the accelerator to take care of other speed fluctuations. The function of the spark lever is to regulate the time of sparking to the point best suited to the needs of the engine.

The question of motor speed regulation seems to be a simple one, but many motorists learn proper methods of spark and throttle lever placing only after considerable driving experience has been obtained. Motor speed regulation depends upon two First, advancing the time of sparking to the most efficient point after the engine has once been started; and, secondly, increasing the amount of mixture supplied the cylinders. The spark and throttle levers, while designed to be manipulated independent of each other, usually move with a certain definite relation. It would not be good practice to run an engine with the spark lever way advanced and gas supply throttle nearly closed; nor would good results be obtained if the spark lever was retarded and the throttle opened as it is desired to increase the motor speed. It is not difficult to understand the function of the throttle lever and how the admission of more gas to the cylinders would act in creating more power, just as augmenting the steam supply to a steam engine will increase its capacity.

Why Spark Is Advanced.—The rules for manipulation of the spark lever are not so well understood. In order to make clear the reason for intelligent manipulation of the spark handle there are certain points that must be considered. On most automobiles there is a position of the spark lever, usually at the center or intermediate point of the sector over which it moves,

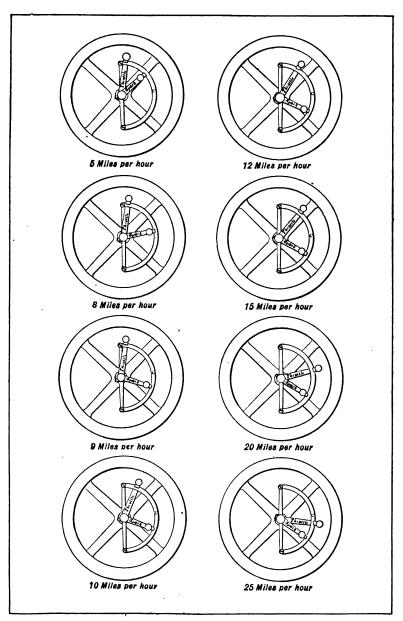


Fig. 26.—Showing Various Positions of Spark and Throttle Levers for Obtaining Different Car Speeds.

which corresponds to the normal firing point. If the spark lever is not advanced beyond this position, and the motor is turning over slowly, the gas in the cylinders is being exploded when the pistons reach the end of their compression stroke. When the gas is fully compacted the explosion or power obtained from combustion is more powerful than if the spark fired gas which was not compressed properly. The electric spark is not produced at the exact time that the motor should be fired at all speeds, and if the spark was supplied the very instant of full compression, irrespective of the speed of rotation, there would be no need of moving the spark lever.

Not only is the current apt to lag, but it takes a certain definite amount of time to set fire to the gas. It requires nearly the same amount of time to ignite the gas, of given composition, regardless of the speed of the motor. If the motor is only turning at a few hundred revolutions per minute there is ample time to ignite all gas charges positively, but if the motor speed increases, and the explosions occur oftener, then one must compensate for the more rapidly occurring combustion periods by arranging to start igniting the gas earlier so the explosion will actually occur when the piston is at its highest point in the cylinder. The compensation for lag is made by advancing the spark. The spark lever on the steering wheel or column moves a timer distributor, if battery system is employed, or the magneto contact breaker box, if that form of current producer furnishes the ignition energy. The amount of spark advance needed depends on engine speed, and the greater the piston velocity the more the spark should be advanced.

It is possible to advance the spark lever too far, and when this occurs the gas is exploded before the piston reaches the top of its stroke and premature explosion takes place. As a result of this the upwardly moving piston is forced to overcome the resistance exerted by the expanding gas of the ignited charge in completing the remainder of the compression stroke, and before it will return on the power stroke. The injurious back pressure on the piston reduces the capacity of the motor and a pounding noise similar to that produced by loose motor parts

gives positive indication of premature ignition due to excessive spark advance.

At the other hand, if the spark lever is not as far forward as it should be, the explosion may be late because of the "retarded spark." If the spark occurs late in the cycle, the charge is not fired until the piston has reached its highest point and after it has completed a small portion of its next downward movement. As the point of maximum compression is passed and the piston moves down in the cylinder, the size of the combustion chamber augments and the gas begins to expand again before it ignites. Owing to the moderate compression the power resulting from explosions is less than would be the case with a higher degree of compression. To secure power it is necessary to supply more gas to the cylinders. Driving with a retarded spark produces heating of the motor and is wasteful of fuel.

For ordinary running the spark lever is usually placed about midway of its travel on the sector, and as a general rule an engine with magneto ignition does not require the frequent manipulation of the spark necessary when current is produced by a battery. As the engine speed increases the current produced by the magneto is proportionately augmented, and the spark lever need not be advanced from the center position except under conditions which permit of exceedingly high speeds.

The diagram presented at Fig. 26 was furnished by the Cadillac Motor Car Company to owners of its four-cylinder cars, and shows the position of the spark and throttle levers to obtain various engine speeds when the car is on the direct drive. At five miles per hour the throttle is practically closed and the spark lever has been advanced about a quarter of the way down the segment. To obtain a speed of eight miles per hour the spark lever is moved to the point on the steering wheel sector indicated by the letter C. The throttle lever is not disturbed. Moving the spark lever about two-thirds of the way on the sector will increase the speed of the car to nine miles per hour. From this point speed ratios are augmented by moving the throttle lever and the car speed increases progressively as the amount of gas supplied the engine is augmented. For higher

speeds than twenty-five miles per hour the spark and throttle levers are moved toward the end of the sector and it is good practice to advance both in conjunction beyond this point.

How Greatest Fuel Economy Is Secured.—Summing up, it will be evident that the greatest economy of fuel consumption will result when the car is driven with as little throttle opening as possible and with the greatest spark advance the motor speed will allow. To obtain maximum power, as in hill climbing on the direct drive, the spark lever should never be advanced beyond center and the throttle should be opened as wide as possible. For extreme high speeds the throttle should be advanced to a point about midway of its travel before the spark is advanced beyond that point. If this does not give the required increase in speed, the spark lever should be advanced as far as possible and the amount of gas increased, by moving the throttle lever from its central position to the extreme position on the sector. Control lever placing varies on nearly all cars, but the most common position is on top of the steering column, where they are convenient to operate and very accessible. In some cars the spark and throttle levers may be placed under the steering wheel and on one side of the steering post, one being located above the other. In other vehicles, they are disposed under the wheel and on opposite sides of the steering post. Some designers do not furnish variable spark when a magneto is used for igni-The magneto contact breaker is advanced to the point tion. where the best operation under average conditions is attained, and motor speed regulation is entirely by using the throttle lever or accelerator. Many battery ignition systems have automatic spark advance mechanism in the timer-distributor.

Controlling Cars with Friction Transmission.—After the engine has been started the next point is to put the automobile in motion. The means for obtaining the various speed ratios will determine the steps that should follow. When a friction or old style planetary transmission is installed the control is very simple and a single hand lever suffices to furnish all desired speed ratios. One hand lever at the side of the car serves to move the drive member to its various positions on the face of

the driving member. One foot pedal is employed to bring the friction disks together and establish driving contact between them when the proper speed position has been selected with the hand lever. The other pedal is used to apply a running brake at the rear wheels. Motor speed is regulated by spark and throttle levers on the steering wheel. Friction drive cars are rare at the present time, only one make, the Metz, being used extensively.

With this form of control the friction pedal is released before the engine is started, and as this breaks the driving connection between the friction disks the engine can turn without moving the vehicle. After the motor is started in the manner previously indicated, the speed changing lever is placed at a position about midway in its travel. This gives one of the lowest speed ratios. To start the car the friction pedal is pressed with the left foot until sufficient pressure exists to cause the driving member to turn the driven wheels and transmit the engine power to the rear wheels. After a certain degree of headway has been attained, the friction pedal is allowed to return to its free position and the hand lever is pushed forward a few inches to give a slightly higher speed. The friction pedal is again depressed and when sufficient pressure is exerted the car will move forward at a higher speed. The farther forward the handle is placed the higher the vehicle speeds, and if the handle is brought back beyond a central position a reverse motion is obtained.

The friction pedal may be locked at any desired point by tilting the foot pad up by raising the heel. When it is desired to stop the car the friction pedal is released by bearing down on the lower portion of the foot pad, which loosens the ratchet lock, and then pushing on the brake pedal. It is important that the friction pedal be applied gradually and that it is not pressed down any farther than is necessary to drive the car. The amount of pressure will depend on the road conditions, and the lighter the degree of pressure the less wear will take place on the friction wheel fiber ring. When on a hill, or in sand, the friction pedal will have to be pushed up harder than when the car is driven on a level highway with a good surface.

Before the hand lever is changed from one position to another the friction pedals should always be released. An emergency braking effect may be obtained by pushing the hand lever in reverse position and applying the friction pedal if the car is going forward, or vice versa, if the car is traveling in a reverse direction. One of the advantages of the friction transmission is that it is difficult to injure it by careless handling because there are not gears to be stripped, as none are used. The transmission is practically noiseless and speed changes are effected easily.

Planetary Gearset Control.—One of the advantages of the planetary gearset, when applied in the two speed forward and reverse forms as in early Maxwell cars, is that the method of obtaining the various speed ratios is very simple and easily understood. The speed changes are obtained by a single hand lever and the hub brakes are applied by the usual form of pedal. Five positions of the handle give two neutral points, one reverse motion and two forward speeds. Ordinarily the lever is in an approximately vertical position and is at the neutral point between the reverse and slow speed. When pulled back from this position a reverse motion is obtained. If pushed forward the slow speed gears are put into action. Moving the hand lever from the slow speed position forward gives the second neutral point, while the high speed or direct drive is obtained by pushing the lever to the extreme forward position. The lever must be held in reverse position but can be locked into low and high speeds.

When running the car under conditions where it is not necessary to go into the reverse the lever may be pulled from the high speed position to the neutral point between high and slow speeds. If the car is stopped it can be easily started forward again by pulling the handle back into slow speed from neutral position and then forward to engage the direct drive. If the handle is pulled way back out of high speed into neutral position between slow and reverse, either of these ratios may be easily obtained. A point necessary to consider when operating a planetary transmission is that the slow and reverse speed must be

applied gradually and that the engine be speeded up pretty well before either reverse or slow speed bands are tightened. After the car has attained a certain degree of momentum on the low speed the lever should be put forward into the high speed position gradually in order to avoid the sudden jump which always obtains when changing from the low to the high speed of a two-speed car. This jump is caused by a sudden acceleration due to the higher gearing, provided by the direct drive position which is much higher than the maximum speed permitted by the slow speed gears.

Operating Sliding Gearsets.—Two sliding gear systems are fitted to motor cars, but at the present time the progressive system of control has been almost entirely superseded by the selective system. The principles of operation are practically the same as relate to clutch operation and gear engagement, but in the progressive system it is necessary to move the gear-shift lever from one end of a segment to the other to obtain the range of speed. In the selective system a gate segment or cane shift is utilized and the hand lever is moved only short distances to select the speed required. The progressive system is practically obsolete.

In operating a car with the selective method of control it is necessary that the gear-shift lever be in a neutral point if the clutch is engaged before starting the engine. After the motor has been started and is running at the proper speed, and it is desired to start the car, the first step is to release the emergency brake lever and depress the clutch pedal so that the driving connection between the engine and gearset is interrupted. With the clutch pedal depressed fully the hand lever is pushed into the slot which will give the slowest speed; then the clutch is allowed to engage slowly and the start forward is made on the lowest speed. After a certain degree of momentum has been attained the clutch pedal is again depressed and the speed lever shifted into the next higher speed ratio. The velocity of the car is thus gradually increased by moving the lever in steps from the lowest to the highest ratio. With any form of sliding gear transmission it is imperative that the clutch be released every time a change of speed is to be made and the clutch should not be engaged again until the gearing is positively in mesh.

Stopping the Car.—When one desires to stop the car, the first step is to release the clutch by pushing forward on the clutch pedal with the left foot and apply the foot brakes with the right foot. The gear-shift lever is brought into a neutral point and then the clutch may be engaged again if desired. On some cars the emergency brake lever and clutch-shifting mechanism are interlocked in such a manner that the clutch is released automatically when the hand brake lever is applied. The emergency brakes of the average car are seldom used in normal operation, the main reliance of most drivers being the footoperated service brakes. When it is desired to lock the car the emergency brake lever is pulled back until the brakes are engaged and is retained in that position by a locking ratchet that engages suitable teeth cut into the brake lever segment.

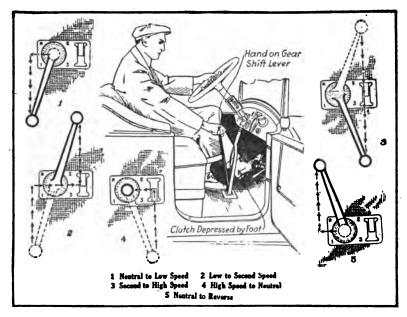


Fig. 27.—Gear Shifting Method on Overland Model 75 Cars.

Steering Wheel Position.—There is now but little difference of opinion regarding the placing of the steering wheel and whether it should be on the right or left side of the car. Most American motor cars, which originally were copies of foreign productions, formerly placed the wheel and control levers at the right side of the car, because they were disposed in this manner on the European cars. The road rules in Europe are



Fig. 28.—How to Make an Emergency Stop With Overland Model 75 Control System.

different than in this country in that a driver has to pass a vehicle going in the same direction on the right and must keep to the left of the road. This made the right hand placing of the wheel logical and desirable. In this country, however, the rules of the road are that all vehicles must keep to the right and when one passes another conveyance going in the same direction it should be passed on its left side. This makes the righthand control, which is

logical and desirable in Europe, unsuitable for road laws of this country.

Conventional Control System.—To be logical the steering wheel of American cars is placed at the left side instead of the right. Most designers now follow this rule, but in order to conform as much as possible with former American practice the gear shift lever is placed in the center of the car where it can be operated by the right hand instead of at the left side. Sometimes a single hand lever is mounted in the center of the floor board and is moved in four directions. It may be rocked to the

right or left and pulled back or pushed forward in either of these positions. When the lever is straight up and down it is at the neutral point, the three forward speeds and reverse motion are obtained by rocking the lever from side to side and pushing it forward or backward as conditions demand, as shown at Fig. 27. Two pedals are provided. That at the extreme left serves to release the clutch and apply the service brake, while the one

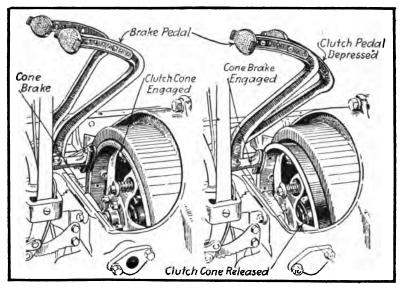


Fig. 29.—Illustration Showing Action of Cone Clutch on Overland Model 75 Cars.

operated by the right foot actuates the emergency brakes. When a single pedal is used for service brake application and clutch release, it is depressed about half its travel to disengage the clutch and applies the running brake from that point to the end of its radius of movement.

The instructions given for operating one type of car with selective sliding gear transmission apply just as well to all other forms, which are controlled in practically the same manner and which differ only in the arrangement of the slots in the guiding gate and the location and direction of movement of the spark and throttle levers. Practically the same units are used in all control systems of sliding gear cars, i. e., two pedals and two hand levers are usually provided. One of the pedals invariably releases the clutch while the other applies the service brake. One hand lever, nearly always the one nearest the operator, is used to shift the gears, while the one that works on a notched

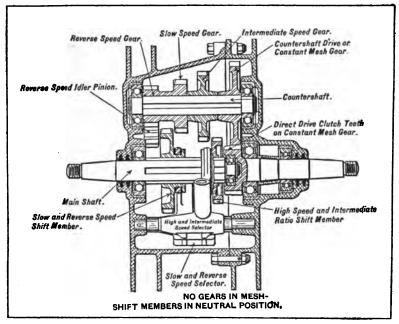


Fig. 30.—Sectional View of Three Speed Selective Gearset, Showing Position of Sliding Gear Members When Control Lever is in Neutral Position.

segment is depended upon to apply the emergency brakes. The differences in the control groups of leading American automobiles are described in detail in next chapter.

Clutch Actuation Important.—The following instructions apply to all types of gasoline automobiles and may be followed to advantage by all motorists. The gear shift lever should always be placed in a neutral position when the car is stopped,

whether it is left alone or attended. Gear shift levers should always move easily and the clutch pedal of all cars equipped with sliding gear transmission should be fully depressed before attempt is made to shift speeds. The clutch should always be applied gradually and as slowly as possible because too sudden or harsh engagement will produce stresses that will injure the

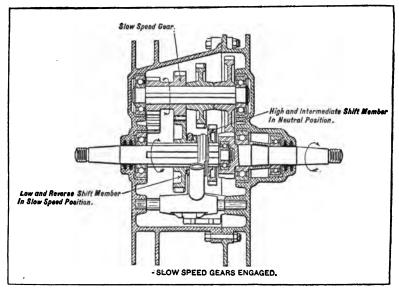


Fig. 31.—How the Large Sliding Gear Member is Shifted by the Control Lever to Obtain Slow Speed.

tires or mechanism of the chassis. Never allow the engine to race or run excessively fast when shifting gears, and it is well not to undertake to change speeds with either motor or car running at high speed. When changing down, i. e., from a higher to a lower gear, allow the car to slow down until its speed is about the same as that which will be produced by the lower gear ratio desired before the clutch is again engaged after the gear lever has been shifted.

Shifting Gears Easily.—If difficulty is experienced in meshing the gears, do not try and force them in mesh but hold the

clutch pedal out for a few minutes, let the car come almost to a stop, apply the clutch quickly and release it at once, and the chances are that the troublesome shift member will have turned to a position where it will engage more easily. Sometimes one or more of the gear teeth on the shift member or the gear with which it engages may be burred up on the edges and will not

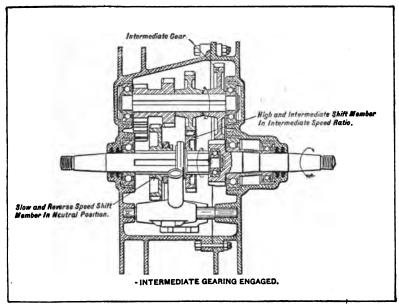


Fig. 32.—How the Small Sliding Gear is Shifted to Obtain the Intermediate or Second Speed Ratio.

engage promptly, whereas other portions of the same members will have undamaged teeth that will easily slip into engagement.

General Driving Instructions.—Always drive a car slowly and cautiously until you are thoroughly familiar with the control mechanism and the methods of stopping the car. When driving up grades on the higher ratios, if the motor shows any tendency to labor, shift back into a lower gear ratio which has been provided for that purpose. Many motorists believe that the best test of a car's ability is to rush all hills, or bad spots in roads, on the direct drive. It should be remembered that the lower

speed ratios were provided for use at all times when employing the third or fourth speeds might produce strains in the motor. All unusual noises should be investigated at once, as these sounds usually presage more or less serious trouble. A gasoline car should never be driven with a slipping clutch, and it is imperative that the brakes and steering gear be frequently inspected to make sure that they are in proper order.

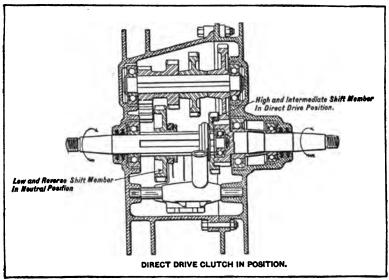


Fig. 33.—How Small Sliding Gear is Shifted to Lock the Two Portions of the Divided Main Shaft Together and Secure the Third Speed or Direct Drive.

One should never attempt to drive cars at high speeds unless the tire casings are in perfect condition and the road surfaces good. In driving on clay or muddy roads, or on wet asphalt, care must be taken in turning corners and the car should be driven cautiously to avoid dangerous side slipping or skidding. When driving on unfavorable highway surfaces always keep one side of the car on firm ground, if possible. Brakes should always be carefully applied, especially if the road surfaces are wet. An automobile should never be brought to a stop in mud, clay or sand, snow or slush, if it can be avoided. Whenever road conditions are unfavorable, the smooth tread tires of the driving wheels should always be fitted with chain tire grips to insure having adequate traction.

All motorists should familiarize themselves as much as possible with the mechanism of their cars and should be competent to make the ordinary adjustments and minor repairs before any

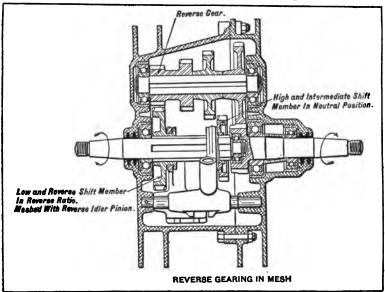


Fig. 34.—How the Large Sliding Gear is Shifted to Secure the Reverse Drive.

long trips are attempted. A full equipment of tools and spare tires and casings should be carried at all times. It is well to remember that the manufacturer of the car has issued a set of instructions for its care and maintenance, and these should be followed as closely as possible because intelligent care of any piece of machinery means long life and reliable service and the automobile is no exception of the rule. Various rules of the road, motoring courtesies and useful information taken from the King 8 instruction book are summarized in following paragraphs that can be read to advantage by all motorists, regardless of the cars they drive.

# RULES OF THE ROAD AND MOTORING COURTESIES

One of the first things that the new driver learns is the advantage to be derived from consideration and courtesy extended to others using public highway. Most drivers know that they are expected to turn to the right when approaching a vehicle, or to the left in overtaking and passing a slow moving vehicle going in the same direction. After they have come to realize the accuracy with which their car may be steered and the ease with which it may be called upon to pass and leave behind another vehicle, possibly approaching from the opposite direction, it seems natural for some drivers to display their nerve in not turning from the center of the road until they are almost upon the approaching vehicle. Often, however, the other fellow has as much courage and takes the same stand, and in the confusion which very frequently follows, either one or both cars are damaged on account of collision. In passing vehicles which are approaching, as large a margin of space as possible should be afforded, and in passing a slow-moving vehicle ahead, pass him as quickly as possible and without cutting in short ahead of him.

City Traffic Regulation.—The lack of consideration on the part of a few careless drivers has resulted in the adoption of very strict municipal regulations governing traffic. Those who are familiar with city traffic regulations and apply them as well on country roads, will not be likely to encounter difficulties. The burning of at least three lamps, including two head or side and one tail lamp, is enforced from sundown to sunup in practically every State. Dimmer bulbs are usually provided in the head lamps so that side lamps are not necessary.

Road Crossings.—In approaching an intersection, either in the city or in the country, where a clear vision of the road approached cannot be had on account of buildings, fences, etc., obstructing the view, the car should be slowed down to a speed at which it can be readily stopped in case of the approach of another vehicle at either side.

Turning into Another Road.—In turning a vehicle into another road to the right, the driver should keep his car as near the right-hand curb as practicable. In turning into another

road to the left, he should turn around the center of the two. No vehicle should be slowed up or stopped without the driver thereof giving those behind him warning of his intentions to do so by proper signals. See diagrams in Fig. 35.

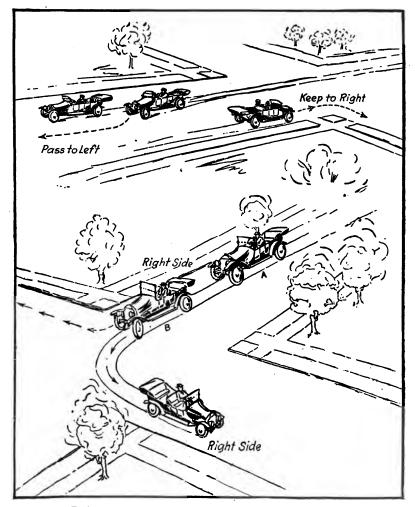


Fig. 35.—Rules of the Road in Vogue in the United States Graphically Shown.

Approaching Railroads.—In approaching a railroad crossing, especially if there is an incline or grade, the gear shift lever should be dropped back into second speed and the approach made carefully, first to determine whether to make the crossing or not, and, second, to be in a position to accelerate your car suddenly with very little chance of stalling the motor. Many accidents have happened because inexperienced drivers have become confused and stalled their motors. On noting the approach of the train, they have thrown on their power, or let in their clutch suddenly, with the result that the motor is stalled on the track and it is then too late to move out of danger. Better Stop, Look and Listen as the warning sign advises.

Changing Gears.—More accidents result from unwillingness to change gears than from almost any other cause. Most American drivers use their first and second speeds only in starting their car. They allow the car to drift along and thus get into a tight place in traffic or too close to street cars, and because of misjudging the speed of the approaching vehicle, or their selfish desire to crowd out another car, collisions or other accidents frequently result. It is a simple operation to change from third to second speed. It increases your power and affords the possibility of a great deal quicker acceleration as well. The second speed is incorporated for a purpose. It is seldom that we are in such a hurry that we cannot spare a moment to afford absolute safety.

Accidents Not Due to Losing Control of Car.—Accidents are not due to the driver losing control of the car in many instances, but are more likely due to his losing control of himself. One is not an expert driver until he intuitively performs the operations which control the car just as naturally as he walks or reaches out for an object.

When the Car Skids.—Although the driver feels helpless at first, a little experience will soon give him confidence. Most skids can be corrected by the manipulation of the steering and brakes. An expert driver can keep his car straight under almost any conditions, but it is impossible to explain just how he does it. Usually the rear end skids first, and in the right-hand direc-

tion, this being caused by the crown of the road. Under such conditions, the skidding action will be aggravated if the brakes are applied, and the car may be ditched or continue to skid until it hits the curb. The correct action in an emergency of this kind is to close the throttle to shut off the power; but not entirely so, or it will have the same effect as putting on the brakes. If the car seems to right itself, the power may be applied gradually, and it will be advisable to steer for the center of the road again. However, if the car continues to skid sideways, steer for the center of the road, applying the power gently. This will aggravate the skid for the moment, but will leave you with the front wheels in the center of the road and the car pointing at an angle. By so doing you can mount to the crown of the road again and the momentum of the car will take the rear wheels out of the ditch on the right-hand side. It is customary to advise turning the front wheels in the direction that the car is skidding in order to correct the action, but this can hardly be said to be true in all cases, as the amount of room on the skidding side is somewhat limited, and for this reason the explanation given above will better apply to such a condition.

When turning a corner on asphalt pavements which are slippery, it frequently occurs that the front wheels skid. In a case of this kind, immediate action is necessary. It will usually be found that by applying the brakes suddenly for a moment so as to lock the wheels, the rear end of the car will skid in the direction in which the car is to be turned. This will help the action of the front wheels, and the releasing of the brakes and the touch of the accelerator will bring the car around the corner without any over-travel of the front end. By applying the brakes in this way, it is possible to turn the front wheels in the direction opposite to that which the car is to be turned for a moment while the rear end is skidding. When the brakes are released, it is plain to see that the front wheels will have no tendency to skid farther, as they will be pointing in the direction in which the car is to be turned and the rear end will be in line with it, due to the skid. Needless to say, this manipulation requires a little more expertness than the correction of an ordinary skid on a straight road.

In Crossing Street Car Tracks and Climbing Out of Ruts.—Skidding can be prevented and accidents avoided, also the life of your tires lengthened, if you will learn how to turn your car out of street car tracks and ruts. Make a sharp turn of your front wheel. Do not allow the wheel to climb along the edge of the rut and finally jump off suddenly, and do not attempt to climb out of those conditions at high speed.

Turning Corners at High Speed.—Driving a car around a sharp corner at twenty-five miles an hour does more damage to the tires than does fifteen or twenty-five miles of straight road work. This is an economical reason why one should drive around corners cautiously and slowly. The other reasons are obvious.

Using the Motor as a Brake.—The engine is a natural brake whenever the throttle is closed. Prove this for yourself in the following way. At a speed of twenty miles an hour, close the throttle and retard the spark, at a certain mark by the roadside, telegraph pole, for example. Don't throw out the clutch or the motor will have no braking effect. Now note how far you have traveled from the pole by the time your speedometer registers Then over the same road and at the same speed (20 m.p.h.) pass the pole again, but this time throw out the clutch. You will coast much farther this time before you drop down to five miles. Note the difference between this last mark and the first. This distance is proportional to the work done by the motor as a brake. By the same token the wear on your brakes will be lessened in this proportion if you let the motor In short, never throw your clutch out until you have dropped down to the lowest speed at which the car will run, say two or four miles an hour. If the grade is long and steep, use the foot and emergency brakes alternately. This equalizes the wear on them.

A Car's Service Depends Upon the Driver.—Much of the satisfaction that an automobile gives depends upon the driver. If he neglects his automobile, if he does not lubricate it, or if he tinkers with it too much, he is bound to receive unsatisfac-

tory service. No machine can be absolutely automatic. All things must wear in time. The best preventive of wear, and the most certain thing for increasing the life of an automobile, is proper lubrication.

Familiarize yourself thoroughly with all the lubricating points of your car. The oiling chart, Fig. 25, will show you where the important ones are located on most cars. Make the lubrication of your car as regular as is the eating of your meals. If you do this, you will not have any complaint to make of your car becoming noisy or of bearings wearing out. If you don't do it, you will not get the satisfaction from your car that you have expected.

Coasting Mountain Roads.—Whenever you approach a long and steep grade it is best to put down the gear speed lever into first speed and allow the car to drift down on the motor. This is better than using the brakes. It gives you absolute control of the car at all times.

Know Your Car.—Your satisfaction will be greatly increased if you will learn the details of your automobile. Learn to make the simple adjustments. Do not depend upon some one else to do that which is so simply done and which you can get such satisfaction in doing. There are no inaccessible parts that should interfere with ready adjustments. Familiarize yourself with every detail of the car as it is explained in this book and you will have greater confidence in venturing over any road at any distance from a repair station.

The Cost of Speed.—The law is just as immutable in that it collects as great cost for speed in a motor car as it does of any machine or of man. If you run fast, if you work hard, you require more food to sustain you. If you drive your car at a fast speed all the time, it requires more fuel—more gasoline and more oil. If you work fast and hard, you wear out more quickly, and so does an automobile. Tires, for instance, last twice as long on a car that is driven at fifteen miles an hour as they do upon cars that are driven at thirty miles an hour. Remember that the service your car gives you is as much dependent upon the manner in which you operate it as is your

own health dependent upon the manner in which you care for it.

Use of Headlights.—Do not use the electric headlights turned to the "bright" position when approaching or passing a car or other vehicle on a narrow road, unless you are traveling in the same direction. The light confuses them and may result in a serious accident. Never use a "spot light" except when necessary for reading signs, etc.

To Keep Water from Clinging to Windshield.—If you are in a climate where snow and sleet are a common feature of the weather, for any lengthy period, you can keep the windshield clean by wiping it over with a solution of water, glycerine and salt. The proportions are:

1 oz. water

2 ozs. glycerine

1 dram salt

Pour this on a piece of gauze and wipe the glass with all the strokes down. This will prevent raindrops or water in any form clinging to the glass.

Carry a Complete Tool Equipment.—By all means have the necessary tools at hand to meet an emergency; even though you do not need them yourself, there is a certain amount of satisfaction in knowing that you are equipped to help a fellow motorist who is less careful in this respect. In changing a tire, a jack, pump, wrench, pliers, and sometimes a hammer, are necessities. If you do not have them with you, it may necessitate running many miles on the rim, ruining a good casing, damaging the rim, and perhaps loosening up the spokes in the wheel. Carry the tools in the tool roll supplied with the car, and wrap the jack and other tire tools in clean rags to prevent them rattling. A little oil should be rubbed on them occasionally to prevent rust-It will often save soiling your gloves through handling dirty tools. If you are carrying spare tubes, keep them away from any grease and oil, which will injure the rubber. Do not pack them with the jack and other tools that are liable to chafe or cut them. Put them in bags, properly deflated and folded and covered with talc to prevent chafing. Tools for repairing mechanism and tires are described in Chapter IV.

# THINGS TO REMEMBER

Don't attempt to start the engine with the switch turned off or without gasoline in the tank.

Don't fill the lubricator in the engine, and neglect to lubricate all other parts of the car.

Don't neglect the lubrication of any part of the car.

Don't advance the spark when starting the engine.

Don't allow the clutch to engage suddenly.

Don't apply the brakes suddenly unless absolutely necessary.

Don't neglect to inspect the level of the acid in the storage battery, at least every two weeks, and supply distilled water if needed.

Don't neglect to keep the radiator filled with water, or with a good anti-freezing solution in cold weather.

Don't attempt to shift reverse gear when the car is moving ahead.

Don't attempt to shift from third to second or first gear when car is running at a high rate of speed.

Don't attempt to shift from second to first gear unless the car is running very slowly.

Don't neglect to investigate any unusual sound which may develop in the car.

Don't drive fast or attempt to stop suddenly on wet pavement. Don't neglect to keep the tires properly inflated.

Don't release clutch when the throttle is open very wide.

Don't let every Tom, Dick and Harry drive your car.

Don't let every mechanic, or so-called repair man, make you believe that he knows more about the way the car ought to be built than the manufacturer.

Don't use the starter to run the car. The excessive overload on the battery is very injurious.

Don't blame the starter when the engine doesn't start—look in the gasoline tank.

Don't push in starting button when engine is running.

Don't forget that using the starter a certain number of times will exhaust the supply of current in the battery, unless the engine is run sufficiently to recharge it. Don't allow your car to stand in puddles of oil or water, as neither one is good for your tires.

Remember that the pan, engine and other mechanical parts of the car should be kept clean.

Don't turn corners too fast. While this may seem spectacular, it is always hard on tires.

Never open the throttle too quickly, but give the motor a chance to pick up gradually.

Keep your brakes adjusted.

Familiarize yourself with the use of the hand lever brake and thus be prepared for emergencies.

Be sure to release the clutch before shifting gears.

Don't accelerate too quickly; this causes the car to jump and the motor to pound.

Examine the car occasionally for loose nuts and bolts.

Don't race your engine under any circumstances.

Remember that a squeak from the car means oil needed.

Never take your car out until you are sure it is properly lubricated.

Be sure your brakes are released before attempting to move car. When you undertake to make any adjustments on your car, be sure you are right, then go ahead.

Never fold the top back when it is wet, as this will cause it to deteriorate rapidly.

Don't let your engine labor going up a steep hill; drop back to a lower gear if necessary.

Don't fail to cover the radiator and hood with a blanket or robe when the car is left standing in the cold. This keeps much of the heat in the cooling system and facilitates the starting of the motor.

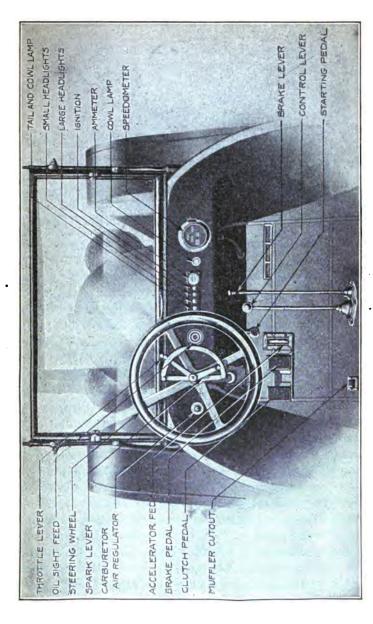


Fig. 36.—Control System of the Buick Light Six Automobile.

#### CHAPTER III

### TYPICAL 1917 CONTROL SYSTEMS

Points of Similarity—How to Discover Proper Lever Position—General Control Hints—Buick—Cadillac Eight—Chalmers—Cole Eight—Dort—Dodge Brothers—Empire—Ford Model "T"—Haynes—Hupmobile—Hudson Super Six—Hollier—King Eight—Kissel Kar—Maxwell—Marmon—Mitchell—National—Oakland Model 32—Oakland Model 50—Overland 75—Overland 85—Packard Twin Six—Paige—Pierce-Arrow—Reo—Stearns-Knight—Studebaker—Scripps-Booth—Velie.

Ir must be evident to the reader that it would be extremely difficult to outline the control systems of all the automobiles at the present time because there are so many different makes which vary from each other in matters of minor detail. tunately, practically all cars have almost the same method of controlling the engine speed, changing the gear ratio and controlling the brake and clutch. The steering of all cars is accomplished by means of a hand wheel carried on an inclined steering column in front of the driver. The spark and throttle levers which are used to vary the engine speed are either carried above the steering wheel, at the top of the column, or are mounted immediately beneath it, one on each side of the steering post. Clutch and brake pedals have the same location in practically all cars. As a general thing the left pedal actuates the clutch and the right pedal the foot brakes. An additional means of regulating engine speed called the "accelerator" is usually placed close to the brake pedal so that it can be easily operated by the right foot. The gears are shifted by a handle, placed at the center of the car and intended to be operated by the driver's right hand, on most automobiles. As sliding gears, used for changing vehicle speed, are operated on the selective system, there are many cars in which the change speed lever works the same way. The emergency brake actuating handle is almost invariably carried at the side of the gear shift lever, though in some cars, notably the Chevrolet, Dort and Reo, the emergency brakes are operated by a foot pedal placed the same as the service brake pedal of most cars, while the service brake is actuated from the clutch pedal. There are a number of details which differ in the various cars, but these can be easily determined by a little study on the part of the motorist.

How to Discover Proper Lever Position.—In most cars where the spark and throttle levers are placed above the steering wheel, it is usually the function of the shorter one of the two, which is always the upper one, working against the inside of the quadrant, to regulate the spark timing; while the longer one, which works against the outside of the quadrant, and which is the lower lever, regulates the carburetor throttle. In nearly all cars a movement of a longer lever that opens the throttle can be determined by raising the hood and watching the movement of the throttle lever on the carburetor. When the throttle is closed the carburetor throttle lever will rest against a stop screw. The position of the long lever on the steering wheel will then be noted. It will be at one extreme or the other of the quadrant. In most cars the lever is pushed away from the driver to increase the speed of the engine, though in some the movement is directly opposite and the lever is pulled toward the driver. It is general practice to have the spark lever work in the same direction as that controlling the carburetor throttle. movement that closes the throttle will retard the spark if the upper lever is used. For example, if the carburetor throttle is fully closed when the lever is near the operator a similar placing of the spark control member will insure a retarded spark.

Most hand brake levers are designed to be worked by a pull, i. e., the brakes are released when the lever is in its extreme forward position and are applied when it is pulled back as far as it can go. There are two systems of shifting the change speed lever. That known as the "cane" shift involves moving the lever without any guiding quadrant. The "gate" shift is the type in which slots are provided in a guiding member to assist

the driver in locating the speed shifter. Most cars that nave the selective gate have the various speeds clearly indicated by means of lettering and numbers. The letter R indicates the position for reverse motion of the car. The numeral 1 indicates low speed; 2 shows the proper lever placing for intermediate speeds, while 3 indicates the higher speed or direct drive position. Cars using more than three speeds have an additional slot in the quadrant used only for reverse. The "cane" shift is used only with cars having three speeds forward and a reverse.

It is not difficult to discover the proper lever placing to obtain the different speeds if these are not indicated. After the engine is started, if the clutch is released the gear lever may be placed in any position the driver desires. The engine is speeded up a little and the clutch is engaged very gradually. If the car starts smoothly and without appreciably diminishing the engine speed it is evident that the low speed gear has been engaged. The other extreme position of the lever on that side of the quadrant is practically always the reverse. Similarly if when the clutch was engaged the car started to go backward, the fact that the reverse gears had been meshed would be selfevident. If when the clutch is engaged the car starts forward but almost stalls the motor, the change speed lever has been put into the intermediate gear position. If the engine stops or "stalls" when the clutch is engaged, the gear shift lever has been put in the high speed or direct drive.

In most cars the low speed and high speed are obtained by moving the lever in the same direction, though of course at different sides of the quadrant, or by rocking it to opposite sides of the center. The reverse and intermediate speed positions are usually on the same line, the reverse speed position being on the same side of the car as the slow speed while the intermediate is invariably on the same side as the high speed. When experimenting in this way it is well to have one foot ready for the brake and one on the clutch, so that it may be released immediately if the proper speed ratio has not been engaged. The reason why the low speed and reverse are obtained at one side of the quadrant while the intermediate and high speeds are

obtained at the other is because as gear boxes are ordinarily constructed the shifting member that gives the low and reverse speed is shifted by one fork while that that moves to give the intermediate or high speed is operated by another shifting fork. The various movements of the change speed gear members necessary to obtain the various speed ratios are very clearly shown in Figs. 30 to 34, inclusive.

# GENERAL CONTROL HINTS

Buick.—The driver's compartment of the Buick Light Six is clearly shown at Fig. 36. The position of the various control elements are clearly indicated and can be readily identified. Before starting the Buick motor see that the ball top control lever stands in a neutral position where it is free to move sideways. The spark and throttle levers on the steering wheel are moved about one third of the way down on the sector. switchboard is unlocked so the keys can be shifted and the button marked "Ign." is pulled out. The air regulator or choke button is pulled out and starting pedal is pressed with the foot. This starts the electric motor and turns the engine crankshaft If motor does not start in a half minute, release the starting pedal and examine the various control members to see if they are properly set. Then depress the starting pedal again. In ordinary weather the motor should start readily, but in very cold weather the engine is apt to start hard, especially if the car has been standing some days. As soon as the motor starts, push the air regulator button, which is at the extreme left of the cowl board, half way in and leave it in that position until the motor is thoroughly warmed up. When the motor has been run for some minutes, the air regulator button may be pushed all the way in. It is stated that the motor should not be run for any length of time with the air regulator button pulled clear out because this produces an excessively rich mixture. the spark lever down as far as it will go on the sector, as the automatic spark advance feature of the igniter will take care of spark timing for all ordinary driving. Close the throttle lever on the steering wheel until the motor runs slowly and yet

without misfiring. The foot accelerator can be used to control the speed of the motor.

Now that the motor has been started it is possible to set the car in motion. The first step is to release the emergency brake lever by pulling it back enough so that the thumb button on top can be depressed, this unlocking the ratchet, and then push the lever as far forward as it will go. Place the left foot on the clutch pedal, press it down firmly and keep it in this position, then with the right hand move the control lever over to the right and then pull it back. This puts the gears in the low speed position. Press lightly on the accelerator pedal to increase the speed of the motor and let the clutch in gradually by releasing the pressure of the left foot on the clutch pedal. Increase the speed of the motor until the car gains headway. When the car has acquired sufficient momentum, disengage the clutch again, and let up on the accelerator pedal. With the right hand shift the control lever forward to the neutral position, then over to the left of the car and then forward again as far as it will go. This gives the intermediate speed. The next step is to shift into the high speed or direct drive. This is done by depressing the clutch pedal and pulling the change speed gear lever as far back as it will go. The speed of the car can be controlled entirely by the use of the accelerator pedal. If it had been desired to obtain reverse speed, instead of having pulled the gear shift lever back after it had been shifted over to the right it would have been pushed forward. When a car has been moving forward, it is always necessary to bring the car to a full stop before putting the change speed lever in the reverse position.

Cadillac Eight.—The control system elements of the Cadillac "Type 53," as well as the instruments on the cowl board, are clearly outlined at Fig. 37. Before starting the engine the transmission control lever should be in neutral position and the hand brake applied. Note the pressure of air in the gasoline tank, which is indicated by an air pressure gage carried on the dash. If the pressure is less than one pound, it should be increased to that pressure by means of a hand operated air pump which

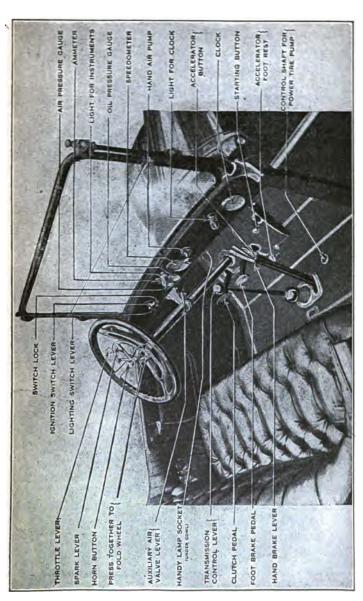


Fig. 37.—Control Group of the Cadillac Eight Cylinder Automobile.

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is placed alongside of the speedometer. After the engine is started, pressure is automatically maintained by a power pump driven from the engine. Place the spark lever at the right of the sector and the throttle lever about two inches from the extreme left. Move the ignition switch lever down to switch on the ignition. The ignition and lighting switch is carried at the extreme left of the dash. Depress the starting button with the foot, to turn over the engine. If the engine has been standing for some time in warm weather, and practically always in cold weather, pull up the auxiliary air valve lever which is carried on the steering column brake in order to choke the air passage to insure positive start before the starting button is pushed down. As soon as the engine fires and runs under its own power the pressure should be released from the starting button. auxiliary air valve lever is pushed down half way as soon as the engine is started, and all the way down as soon as the engine is warm enough to permit doing so.

Whenever the engine is cranked by hand, the spark lever should always be placed at the extreme left of the sector in order to retard the spark. Never press in the starter button while the engine is running. Before starting the car the hand lever should be released by pushing it to its extreme forward position. The same rule for speeding up the engine, declutching before shifting the gear lever, letting in the clutch gradually and obtaining sufficient momentum before shifting from higher to lower gears, previously given, should be followed in all cases. This car also employs the "cane" shift, and when the transmission control lever is in neutral it is standing approximately vertical and can be easily rocked from side to side. obtain low speed the lever is moved as far as possible over to the left and then pulled back as far as it will go. If the lever is moved to the left and pushed forward it will engage the reverse speed. To obtain the intermediate, the lever is pushed over to the right from the neutral position and as far forward as it will go. To obtain high speed the lever is rocked to the right and pulled back.

Chalmers Six.—The driver's compartment of this car, with

all control elements plainly designated, is shown at Fig. 38. In this the lighting and ignition switch is carried at the side of the steering column and below the steering wheel. The spark control lever is the short one on the top of the column, while the throttle lever is the longer one. The starter button is conveniently placed so it can be operated by the heel. Two levers.

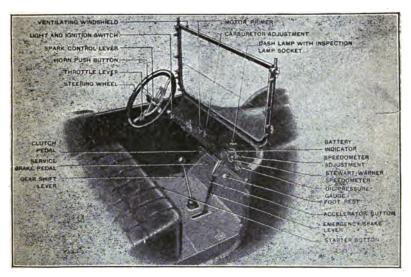


Fig. 38.—How Chalmers Light Six is Controlled.

are approximately in the center of the cowl board, one of these being a motor primer, the other a carburetor adjustment. At the right of the dash board is a group consisting of an oil pressure gage, a speedometer, ampere meter and dash lamp. An accelerator button is provided so the engine speed may be controlled independently of the throttle lever. The gear shift is of the "cane" type, while the clutch and service brake pedals are arranged in conventional manner. To start the engine it is necessary to prime the carburetor and set the carburetor adjustment for a rich mixture. The spark lever is advanced about half way up on the segment and the throttle is also open about the same amount. Then turn on the ignition switch, make

ure the gear shift lever is in neutral and push down the starter utton on the floor with the heel. As soon as the motor starts ne pressure on the starter button is relieved and the spark and arottle levers are set so the motor idles quietly. The spark ever is left about two thirds advanced on the quadrant, while ne throttle lever is pulled back toward the driver to a point there the engine does not race. If the engine does not run moothly, the dash carburetor adjustment lever should be ma-

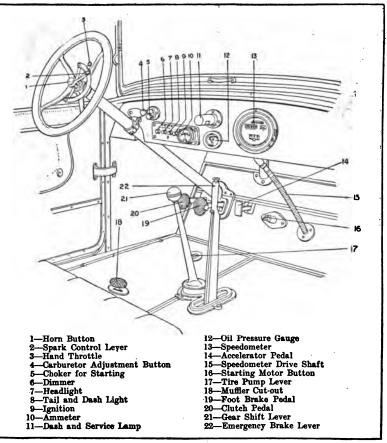


Fig. 39.—Control System of Cole Eight With All Parts Clearly Indicated.

nipulated until the engine runs regularly. The operation of the clutch and gear shift levers follow conventional practice. The gear shift lever is moved toward the left and back toward the operator for the low speed. It is moved to the left and away from the operator to secure reverse motion. Moving the lever over to the right and pushing it forward gives the intermediate speed. Moving the lever from the intermediate speed back toward the operator will give the high gear. The spark is retarded and throttle is closed when the levers are pulled back toward the operator. The emergency brake is applied by pulling the lever back, and released by pushing it forward.

Cole Eight.—The control group of the Cole eight-cylinder automobile, with all parts clearly indicated by numbers and a key giving the names of the various parts, is presented at Fig. 39. The first step in starting the engine is to pull the carburetor adjustment button on cowl board out half way. This is indicated as No. 4. Next pull the choker, No. 5, out all the way. Pull the throttle lever, which is No. 3, or the long one on top of the steering gear, down about two inches. Next move the spark control lever, which is the short one, or No. 2, down about Bear in mind that the lever should one third of its travel. always be in full retard position or at the top of the quadrant for hand cranking. Next unlock the ignition switch on the cowl board with a key provided for that purpose. Pull out button marked "Ign." on the switch, which is designated as No. 10 in the illustration. Next depress starting switch button in center of the board with the right foot. As soon as the motor starts. release the starting button, push the carburetor chock button all the way in and move No. 4 adjustment button into the point where the engine runs regularly. Release the hand brake and the car is ready to start. With this transmission, the gear shift lever is pushed to the right, and forward, to obtain low speed, and to the right and back for reverse. Moving the lever over to the left and forward engages the high speed; while pulling it back, when in the right-hand position, gives the intermediate speed.

Dort.—As will be evident by referring to Fig. 40, the Dort

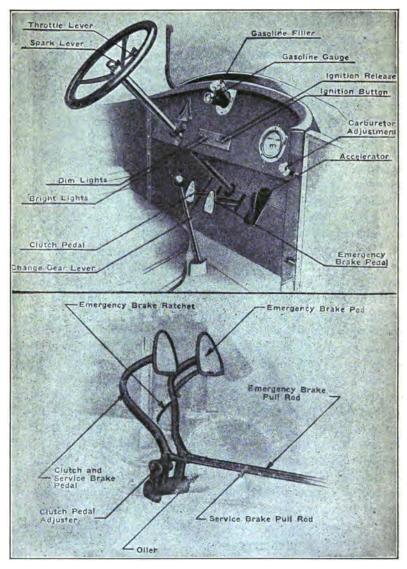


Fig. 40.—Dort Cars Have a Simple Control System in Which Only One Hand Lever is Used. The Clutch Pedal Applies the Service Brake After Clutch is Released.

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car has that type of control in which but one hand lever is provided. The clutch pedal serves to apply the service brake, while the pedal that is ordinarily used for the service brakes applies the emergency brake action. The cowl board has a carburetor adjustment at the extreme right and a simple type of switch having four buttons. One of these is used for dim light control, the other the bright lights. There are two buttons in the ignition part of the switch, one to apply, the other to release the Spark and throttle levers are provided at the top of the steering column, the short one being the spark control, while the longer one regulates the throttle. The closed position is when the lever is at the extreme top. Before starting the car, advance the spark lever about half way and open the throttle by moving the throttle lever about an inch from the topmost position. This will open the carburetor sufficiently to start the motor. The next step is to pull out the carburetor adjustment or "choke," then to close the ignition circuit by pushing in the proper button on the ignition switch, after which the left heel is placed on the starter button to turn the engine over. It will not be necessary to use the choke in warm weather, but it will be advisable to pull it way out when trying to start the engine in cold weather. As soon as the engine starts, release the starting switch and close the throttle to the point where the engine will run smoothly. To release the emergency brake, press a little heavier at the bottom of the pedal pad than at the top to release the ratchet and allow the pedal to come back to normal position. As the left pedal operates the clutch and the service brake as well, if this is its normal position the clutch will be . engaged. A movement of two or three inches releases the clutch and a further movement applies the service brake. To obtain various speed changes, the shift lever is moved to the left and pulled back for slow speed, and moved to the left and pushed forward for reverse. To obtain second speed, the lever is pushed over to the right from the neutral position and moved forward. The direct drive or high speed is obtained by pulling the lever straight back from the second speed resition.

Dodge Bros.—The arrangement of the control parts of the

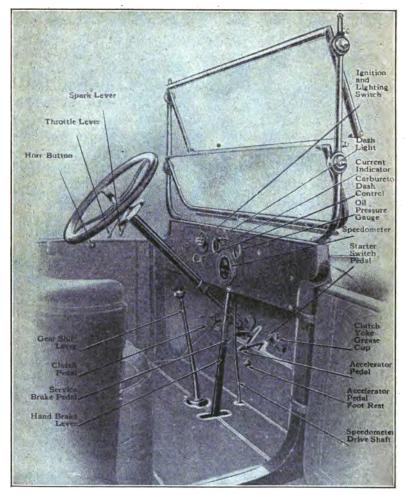


Fig. 41.—Dodge Brothers Motor Car Control System.

Dodge Bros. car, as given at Fig. 41, follow conventional practice for the most part. In this the spark and throttle levers are carried below the steering wheel and at the right side of the steering column. The top lever controls the throttle and the lower one the spark. A combination ignition and lighting switch

is placed at the extreme left of the cowl board and immediate below it is the carburetor "choke" control. The instruction previously given for starting the other cars apply just as we to this one. The spark is retarded when the short lever on the steering column is pulled as far back toward the operator it will go. The throttle lever is in the closed position when is at the retard end of the sector. The gear shift lever is move

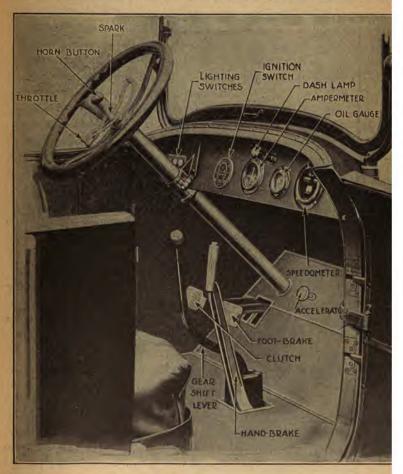


Fig. 42.—Control Group and Dash Assembly of the Empire Model 6

to the left and forward to obtain the slow speed, and to the left and back for reverse; moving it over to the right and pulling it back gives the intermediate speed, while moving to the right and forward engages the direct drive gears.

Empire.—The driver's compartment of the Empire Model 60 is clearly outlined at Fig. 42, this being lettered to show the various parts of the control system very clearly. In this car the spark and throttle levers are carried above the steering wheel and at the top of the steering column. The lighting switch is placed at the extreme left of the cowl board. The first member to the right of the steering column on the cowl board is the ignition switch, this being followed by the ampere meter, dash lamp, oil gage and the speedometer. The latter is at the extreme right. In this car the spark and throttle levers are moved away from the driver to advance the spark and open the throttle. Before starting the motor, the hand throttle and spark levers on the steering wheel should be set about one third of the way up. Next unlock the ignition switch and push in the left-hand button. Pull out the air regulator plunger and press the starting button as far as possible. The starting button is placed in the center of the dash, just above the floor boards. After releasing the clutch, the control lever should be shifted to the left with the right hand and pulled back. This engages the slow speed. Sometimes it happens that the gears in the gear box are so lined up that they will not mesh. If there is any difficulty in securing proper engagement, push the control lever back into neutral position, let the clutch back in and allow the motor to turn for a few seconds. Repeat the operation as before, throwing out the clutch pedal and pulling the gear shift lever over to the left and then back. To change the second speed, push the control lever to the right, after passing through neutral, and then as far forward as possible. The high speed is on the same side as the intermediate and opposite it. Similarly, the reverse is opposite the low speed and on the same side.

Ford Model T.—The Ford car is one of the most popular of the moderate-priced automobiles, and over 1,000,000 of the Model T are now on the road. The control system of this car

is extremely simple, and yet it is different from that of any other automobile. The gearset, which is found only on this car, is a planetary type which gives two forward speeds and a reverse motion. The conventional form of steering wheel is used to control the direction of car travel, and spark and throttle levers are mounted on the steering column beneath the wheel to control

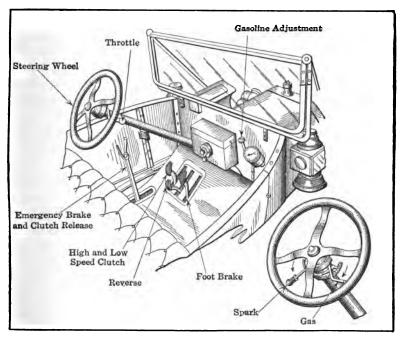


Fig. 43.—The Distinctive Control System of the Ford Planetary Transmission Used on Model T Cars.

the speed of the power plant. No accelerator pedal is ordinarily provided. It is in the method of obtaining the various speed ratios that the control system is distinctive. As will be seen by referring to Fig. 43, three pedals and a hand lever are provided on the left side of the car. The pedal on the extreme left is used to control the high and low speed clutches and is marked C. That next to it, which is marked R, is used to constrict the reverse band of the transmission and obtain reverse

motion. The pedal at the right, which is provided with a letter B cast on its surface, is used to apply the foot brake.

The hand lever engages the high speed or direct drive clutch when thrown forward, and when pulled back it actuates the emergency brake. An interlocking connection is provided so the emergency brake cannot be applied without releasing the direct drive clutch. The lever may be set in a neutral position and the clutch will be released without applying the brake when it is approximately vertical. When the high speed is in and the hand lever is thrown way forward, the high-speed clutch may be released by a light pressure on pedal C, and a further movement of this pedal will apply the low speed. Thus one pedal gives control of both high and low speeds forward, and the clutch can be released in exactly the same manner as that of a sliding gear car when it is desired to slow up, such as for turning a corner, descending a hill or passing another vehicle.

Before starting the car the hand lever must be in a vertical position, this releasing the clutch and applying the emergency brakes. To start the car, after the engine has been started in the usual manner, the foot is placed on the clutch pedal to keep it in a neutral position, while the hand lever is thrown as far forward as it will go. The engine is then accelerated and the clutch pedal is pushed forward until the slow-speed band tightens around the drum of the transmission and the car gathers headway on the lower ratio. After it has attained a certain momentum, the clutch pedal is allowed to drop back gradually into the high-speed position. The foot may then be removed until such times that the clutch must be disconnected. Before applying the foot brake, which is done by pressing with the right foot upon the pedal marked B, the clutch pedal should be put in neutral position with the left foot.

To reverse the car, it must be brought to a standstill. The engine is kept running and the clutch is disengaged with the hand lever, which is placed in the neutral position but not pulled far enough back to apply the emergency brake. The reverse pedal, marked R, is then pushed forward with the left foot, leaving the right one free to use on the brake pedal as needed.

To stop the car, the throttle is closed so that the engine will not race; the high speed is released by pressing the clutch pedal forward into its neutral position and applying the foot brake slowly, but firmly, until the forward motion of the car is arrested. It is imperative that the foot be retained on the clutch pedal until the hand lever is pulled back to its neutral position.

The placing of the spark and throttle levers is clearly shown in the inset in the right-hand corner of the cut, both levers being pulled back to accelerate the motor and pushed forward to slow it down. The same rules previously given for the manipulation of the spark and throttle levers apply just as well to this make of car. As no accelerator is furnished on stock cars, all carburetor control is by the throttle lever. No self-starter is provided, so the engine must be started with a hand crank as previously described.

Haynes.—The control parts of the Haynes car are shown at

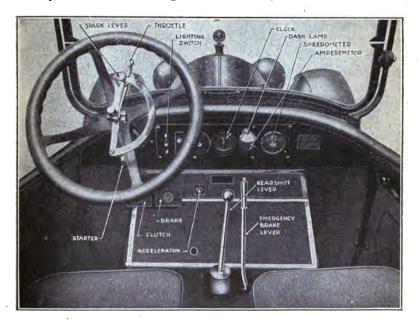


Fig. 44.—Control Group and Dash Assembly of the Haynes Automobile.

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Fig. 44. In this the spark and throttle levers are mounted above the steering column. The remainder of the control units also follow conventional practice. The spark and throttle are moved toward the driver to speed up the engine. When in the position shown the spark is retarded and the throttle closed. The first step in starting the engine is to bring the throttle lever down about two inches from the top of the quadrant and the spark lever about three inches down. Next turn the ignition switch so the arrowhead points to On. Pull out the ring on the cowl board under the steering wheel. As soon as the engine starts, release the ring and never hold it out for more than ten or fifteen seconds if the engine fails to start. If the weather is cool, pull out the carburetor priming button, which is at the left side of the steering column. This should be held out for at least fifteen seconds. To stop the engine, turn the ignition switch to the center position. Be sure that the switch is always turned Off if the engine is not running, because if it is allowed to stay on for any length of time the storage battery will run down so it will not furnish current enough to crank the engine. For this reason, on this car, practice should be made of always locking the switch when the engine stops and of taking out the key. The gear shift lever is moved to the left and back to obtain first speed, and to the left and forward for reverse. The second speed is obtained when the lever is in a right forward position, and the high speed in the right rear position.

Hupmobile.—The control system of the Hupmobile Series N is shown at Fig. 45. The carburetor air control is placed on the side of the steering column, the lighting switch is at the left of the speedometer, while the ignition switch is at the right of that member. Clutch and brake pedals are arranged in the usual manner. The spark lever and throttle are moved away from the driver to speed up the engine. Before starting the engine, it is necessary to set the spark and throttle levers as previously recommended and to pull up on the carburetor air control. The ignition switch is then put in the *On* position and the starting pedal depressed in the usual manner. The emergency brake is applied by pulling the hand lever back toward the operator. The gear

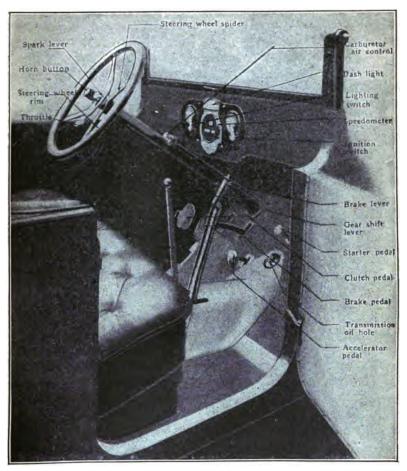


Fig. 45.—Hupmobile Model N Control Group.

shift lever is in neutral when it stands approximately vertical. To obtain the low speed, the lever is moved over to the right and the hole in the lever is engaged with the pin that projects just below the top of the slot. Pulling the lever back on the right-hand side engages the reverse speed. Pushing it forward on the left-hand side gives the slow speed. The second or intermediate speed is obtained by pushing the lever over to the left

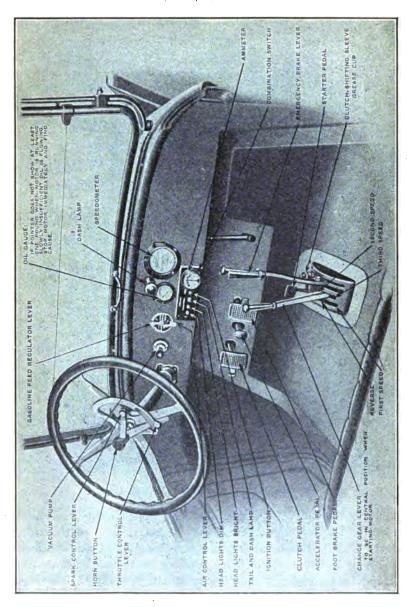


Fig. 46.-Control Levers and Dash Assemblies of Hudson Super-Six.

and moving it back. The high speed ratio is secured when the lever is moved to the right and pushed toward the front of the car.

Hudson Super-Six.—The driver's compartment of the Hudson Super-Six is shown at Fig. 46. The arrangement of the parts follows conventional practice. A special carburetor regulating fitting is carried on the dash just above the ignition and lighting switch and to the left of the oil gage. This has one lever at the top, which regulates the gasoline feed, and one at the bottom, which controls the air. In starting the motor, proceed as follows: See that the gasoline feed regulator lever is in the center position. Then make sure that the air control lever is in the center position, where it registers with the word Hot in the center of the plate. Note that the gasoline regulator lever should be moved over to the Rich position to facilitate starting in cold weather. When this is necessary, the air control lever should be moved over to the Choke position for a moment when cranking, and should be moved back to a position midway between choke and hot as soon as the motor starts. Have the throttle lever about an inch from the bottom of the quadrant and the spark lever midway or about three inches from the top of the quadrant. Pull out the ignition button on the combination switch as far as it will come. Have the left foot ready to use on the accelerator when the motor starts, and press down gently on the starting pedal with the right foot. If the starting gears do not mesh easily, do not force the starting pedal, but try to engage it again by returning the pedal to its normal position and again pushing it down slowly. Turn the air control to the Cold position when the motor warms up and is working smoothly. The change speed lever works in a slotted gate member and is in neutral position when it occupies the small passage between the two slots. The first speed is obtained by moving the lever to the left and pulling it back. The reverse motion is secured by moving the lever to the left and pushing it forward. intermediate speed is obtained by moving the lever to the right and pushing it forward, while moving the lever as far back as it will go in the right-hand slot engages the high speed.

Hollier Eight.—In this control system, shown at Fig. 47, but one engine control lever is placed above the steering wheel. This is used to regulate the minimum speed of the motor and acts on the carburetor throttle. No spark advance lever is located on the steering wheel as the spark advance is controlled automatically by the ignition system. To make starting easy, however,

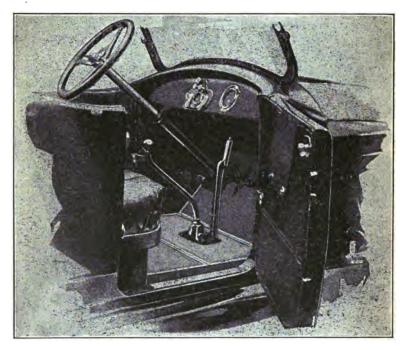


Fig. 47.—Driver's Compartment Hollier Eight Cylinder Car.

there is a spark retard button and a carburetor choke button carried above the ampere meter in the switch group. One switch controls the head and tail light, the other the current for the ignition system. The arrangement of clutch and brake pedal, emergency brake and speed changing levers conforms to conventional practice. The starting button is placed convenient to the driver's heel.

King Eight.—The illustration, Fig. 48, shows clearly the grouping of the various parts of the King Eight control system. The spark and throttle levers are in the retard position when at the lower end of the sector. The spark is advanced and the throttle is opened by pushing the levers away from the operator. A special form of "auto lock" reversing switch is mounted in the lower left-hand corner of the instrument panel to control the ignition circuit. The Yale lock key not only operates the lock for the current, but at the same time acts as a switch plug, opening and closing the ignition circuit and also reversing the polarity of the current when turned. To close the ignition circuit, insert the key in the lock and turn either right or left to position marked On. Note that there are two On positions. These should be used alternately, as reversing the polarity of the current will keep the make-and-break contacts in the timer-distributor in better condition than if the switch key was turned always the same direction. The starting switch button is located directly in front of the gear shift lever. The usual carburetor choke button is provided to secure easy starting in cold weather. The movement of the ball end gear shift lever is shown in the inset on the illustration. Moving the lever to the left and pulling back gives the low speed. To the left and forward gives the reverse. The right forward position is for intermediate speeds. while the right rear position engages the direct drive or high speed.

Kissel-Kar.—The parts of the control system the driver of a Kissel-Kar Model 6-42 should be familiar with are illustrated at Fig. 49. To start the engine, the first operation is to set the spark and throttle levers on the steering column. When they are up, or as far forward as they can go, the spark is retarded and the carburetor throttle is in a closed position. In starting the engine by hand the spark must be fully retarded, though it can be advanced by pulling it back about one fifth of its travel, when the electric cranking motor is used to turn the engine. The throttle should also be pulled back to correspond with the spark lever position. To give a rich mixture for starting, pull up the carburetor dash control knob marked DA and



the choker knob as far as it would come. As soon as the engine starts the Choke knob must be pushed back and the dash control knob pushed down until the best running mixture is obtained. Turn the ignition switch to the On position. Push the starting pedal in the front floor board forward as far as it will go. As soon as the engine starts, release the foot pedal and the starter

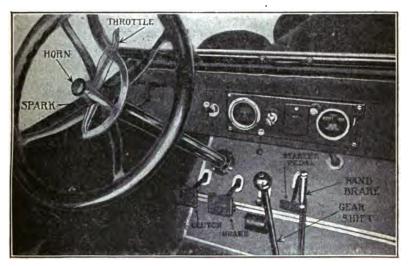


Fig. 49.—Control System of 1916 6-42 Kissel Kar.

gear will automatically disengage itself from the engine flywheel. Close the throttle lever so the engine runs slowly and advance the spark. The change speed lever is moved to the left and back to get first speed position, and to the left and forward for reverse. To the right and forward gives the intermediate speed, to the right and back gives the high speed.

Maxwell.—The control system of the Maxwell automobile is clearly shown at Fig. 50. The spark and throttle levers are placed below the steering wheel and at one side of the steering post. The retard position is at the top of the quadrant or away from the operator. The general instructions given for starting the motor of other cars can be followed in this one as well.

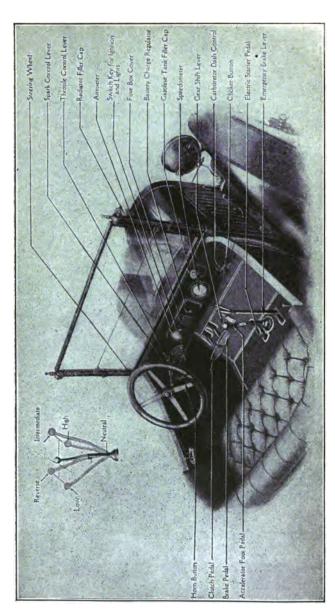


Fig. 50.—Control System of Maxwell Four Cylinder Automobile.

The positions of the gear shift lever for various speeds are clearly shown in inset.

Marmon.—The controls and instruments of the Marmon Model 34 will be grouped conveniently to the driver's seat as clearly shown in the illustrations at Fig. 51. When the switch box lever points to 0, all the electric circuits, including ignition and horn, are "dead"; when at 1, all are "live" lights; at 2, the small headlights and tail light are turned on; and at 3, the main headlights and tail light are lighted. A ground button is provided for shutting off the motor when it is still desired to use the lights or horn when the car is at a standstill. marked Choke should normally be pushed all the way in, but should be pulled out to facilitate starting in cold weather. The right knob marked In Lean-Out Rich may be pulled out if necessary to enrich the mixture, but should be kept in as far as possible for smooth running. A muffler cutout lever and starter pedal are placed near the heel board, under the driver's seat.

The spark and throttle levers are placed above the steering wheel on top of the steering column. Each of these works on one half of the complete circle that serves as a guide member for the levers. The position of the throttle lever for starting is about one inch up from its lowest position and that of the spark lever is advanced to about two inches from the highest The ground button is turned as far as it will go, either right or left. The switch box lever should not be at the neutral or dead position. Gradually depress the starter pedal all the way down. If the starter only spin's without turning the engine, immediately release pedal and wait until the starter stops spinning. Then push in the starter pedal more slowly. Be careful never to hold the starter pedal only part way down, as this may burn out the resistance in the starting switch. soon as the engine begins to fire, release the starter pedal and push in the Choke knob. Lower the throttle lever so the engine will not race. To obtain the low speed position, the gear shift lever is moved to the left and pulled back. Moving it to the left and pushing it forward gives the reverse speed. Moving it to the right and forward engages the intermediate ratio.

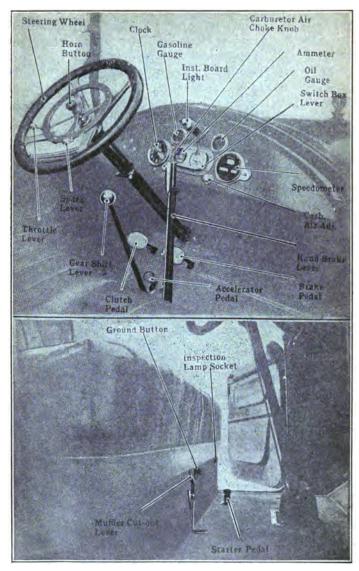


Fig. 51.—Arrangement of Control Levers and Dash Assembly on Latest Marmon Model.

engage the high speed the lever is pushed over to the right and pulled back as far as it will go.

Mitchell.—The control parts of the Mitchell Six of Sixteen should be readily understood from the detailed illustrations given at Fig. 52. The cowl board assembly is outlined in the upper left-hand corner. The floor board assembly, showing the

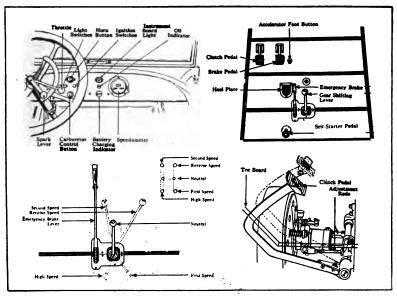


Fig. 52.—Control Element of Mitchell Six-of-Sixteen.

clutch and brake pedals, the accelerator and starting button and the brake and gear shifting levers, is shown in the upper right-hand corner. The positions of the gear shifting lever to obtain the various speed changes can be readily ascertained by inspection of the diagram in the lower left-hand corner. The spark is fully retarded and the throttle closed when the levers are on the low point of the quadrant. The instructions previously given for starting the motor of other cars applies to this one as well.

National.—The illustration at the left of Fig. 53 shows the appearance of the National driver's compartment when viewed



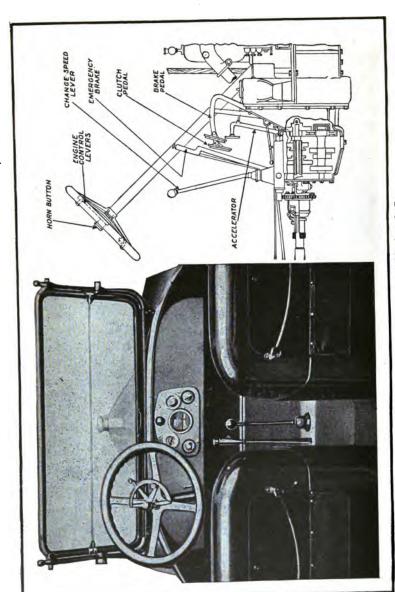


Fig. 53.-Control System of National Cars.

through the aisleway between the two front seats, while the relation of the various levers and pedals to each other is shown at the right of the cut. Of the two hand levers situated at the right of the driver, the right hand one is used for changing speeds. This has a short extension lever which works in notches on the shifter rods, which are in turn connected to the shifting pinions in the transmission case. The change speed

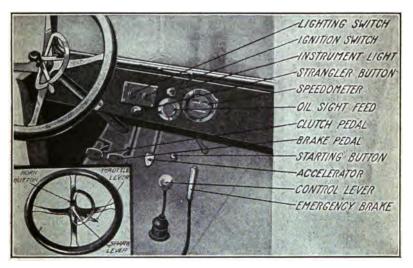


Fig. 54.—Driver's Compartment of Oakland Model 32.

control lever works by rocking it on a swivel support, the central position being the neutral one in which all the gears are out of mesh. The forward left-hand position gives the reverse gear, the rear left-hand position the first speed forward; the second speed forward is obtained by placing the lever in the forward right-hand position, and the high speed by placing the lever in the rear right-hand position. The other hand lever, which works on a ratchet, is used for operating the emergency hand brake. The left-hand pedal operates the clutch, the one at the right side the foot brake. The throttle pedal or accelerator is used for increasing the speed of the engine, while a plunger at the extreme right operates the electric starter. The

long lever on the steering post is used to regulate the spark timing, while the shorter one controls the carburetor throttle. This is a somewhat unusual arrangement. The spark is retarded when the lever is nearest the operator.

Oakland Model 32.—The various parts comprising the control system of the Oakland Model 32 are shown at Fig. 54. As all parts are clearly indicated it is not necessary to describe their use to any extent. An inset is presented in the corner of the illustration so that the spark and throttle levers may be identified, as well as their proper position for starting the engine. The ignition switch is combined with the lighting switch and is operated by turning an ignition switch key. Pressing on the starting button located in the floor board with the right foot throws the electric motor in action and spins the gasoline engine. As is usual with the starting system, if the motor does not start at once the "strangler" button on the cowl board is pulled out. This closes the air intake of the carburetor and gives a mixture that should fire easily as long as the air intake is closed. action is the same as priming the motor and should produce the desired result even in the coldest weather. As soon as the motor starts, close the throttle lever to prevent racing and advance the spark by moving the spark lever about two thirds of the way up on the quadrant. Of course, the gear shift lever must be in neutral position before starting the engine, and the emergency brake applied. The emergency brake is actuated by pulling back on the lever. The gear shift lever is moved over toward the driver and pulled back to obtain the low speed. is pushed forward on the left-hand side to engage the reverse gears. The intermediate speed is obtained when the lever is in the forward right-hand position and the high speed when the lever is in the left-hand rear position.

The instructions given for the Model 32 apply as well to the Model 50 Oakland, or eight-cylinder type. The general arrangement of the control members is the same as in the smaller car, except for the type of switch used and the addition of the carburetor needle button to the usual carburetor choker button. The gear shift lever positions, however, are different than they

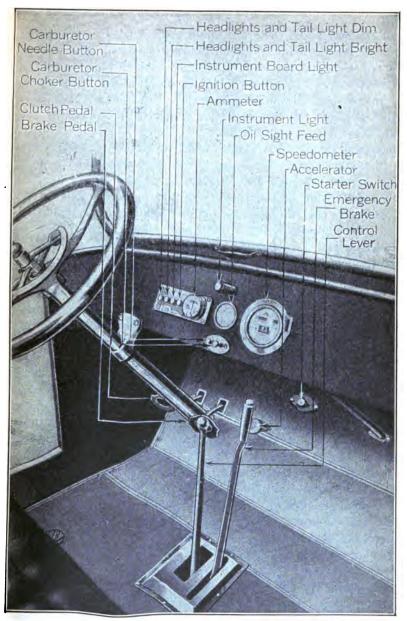


Fig. 55.—Control Group of Oakland Eight Cylinder Car.

are on the small car. The low speed gear is engaged when the lever is in the extreme right-hand forward position. The reverse gears are meshed if the lever is brought back to the rear of the right-hand slot. The second speed is obtained by rocking the lever to the left and pulling it back. The forward left-hand position engages the direct drive. The control system of the larger model is shown at Fig. 55.

Overland 75.—The Overland Model 75 is a very popular car that has been sold in large quantities and which has a very simple control system. The illustration at the top of Fig. 56 shows the location of the spark and throttle levers at the top of the steering post, and the ignition and lighting switch attached to the steering column below the hand wheel. An oil gage is mounted on the cowl board below the ampere meter, which is at the right of the speedometer. As the gasoline tank is carried in the cowl, the filler cap projects through the cowl board, as indicated. Below the filler cap is the carburetor priming button. The lower view, at Fig. 56, shows the control lever assembly, which does not differ materially from current practice. In starting the motor, the ignition switch, which is the second button down on the steering column switch box, is pulled out. gear shifting lever is placed in its neutral position and the spark and throttle levers are placed in the proper position for starting. Both levers move away from the driver to speed up the engine. For starting the spark lever should be set about 21/2 inches from The usual carburetor adjusting button the lowest position. should be pulled all the way out for starting in cold weather. It is left out till the motor warms up, after which it can be pushed down to its original position. All automobile makers caution against allowing the engine to race or run at excessive speeds without doing useful work. The racing tendency should be prevented by retarding the throttle lever until the motor turns slowly. The low speed position on this car is obtained by moving the lever to the left and pulling it back. If the lever is pushed forward the reverse gears are meshed. The forward position on the right-hand side gives the intermediate speed, while the rear placing of the lever on the right-hand side engages

the direct drive. It is important never to go into the reverse motion while the car is moving forward.

The control group and important parts of the larger Overland model are shown at Fig. 57. The control of these cars is just the same as that of the Model 75, except that instead of the "cane" shift the speed changing lever works in a gate slot

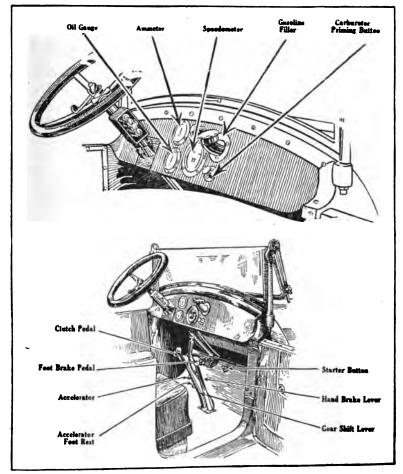


Fig. 56.—Overland Model 75 Control System and Dash Assembly.
Note Lighting and Ignition Switch on Steering Column.

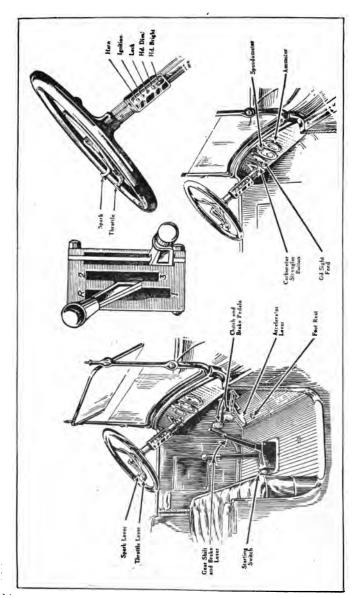


Fig. 57.-Arrangement of Control Levers on Overland Model 85 Cars.

or guide segment, though its positions for obtaining the different speeds are just the same. The placing of the spark and throttle lever and the location of the switch box on the side of the steering post are just the same as in the smaller model. The cowl board assembly is simplified by the elimination of the filler cap that projects through on the smaller model. The gasoline tank is carried at the rear on the larger Overland cars and a vacuum fuel feed system is used.

Packard Twin Six.—A very interesting and somewhat unusual sectional view of the Packard Twin Six car, shown at Fig. 58, outlines the various parts of the transmission and control system, as well as important parts of the mechanism and body. In this the change speed and emergency brake levers are mounted at the extreme left of the car, and not in the center, as is usual Spark and gas control levers are mounted above the steering wheel on the steering column, and the control board and switchare attached to the column below the wheel and braced to the cowl board. As the fuel supply is by pressure feed, an air pump for pumping up pressure in the tank after the car has been standing for a time is also attached to the steering column. Preliminary to starting the motor the first step is to put the change speed lever in neutral position and to set the hand brake by pulling it back toward the driver. The hand throttle lever on the steering wheel which regulates the carburetor throttle is opened about one sixth. The auxiliary air valve hand wheel, which is a part of the control group, is turned toward Gas, indicated below it. In cold weather, or with a cold motor, turn the hand wheel all the way around to Choke. If the car has been standing for some time, use the hand pump to obtain initial pressure on the gasoline tank. Of course, as soon as the engine starts a power driven pump will maintain the required pressure automatically. Set the spark lever at mid-position. Crank the motor by pressing down on the starting button, convenient to the operator's heel. After the motor starts, turn the air valve wheel toward Air and set at the point at which the motor runs best. Close the throttle until the motor runs slowly. pedal actuates the clutch, that on the right the service brake.

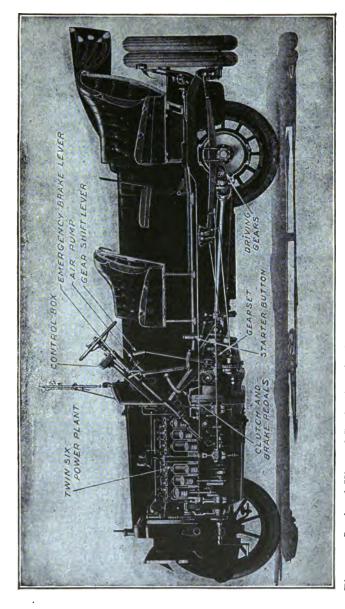


Fig. 58.—Sectional View of Packard Twin Six Chassis, Showing Power Generating, Speed Changing and Power Transmission Parts.

The spark lever should be advanced half way or more before attempting to start the car. To obtain low speed, the change speed lever is moved laterally inboard, or toward the right, then straight back. To obtain second speed, move the lever outboard, or to the left, and straight ahead. To obtain the third speed,

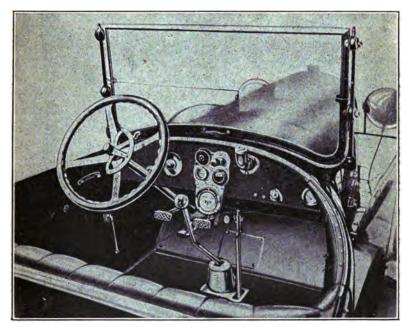


Fig. 59.—Control Group of Paige Cars.

pull the lever back in the outboard position. The reverse gearing is engaged in the forward inboard position.

Pierce Arrow.—The control system parts of the Pierce Arrow automobile are clearly shown in the illustrations at Fig. 60. Inasmuch as all of the parts are designated by letters, and a suitable key provided, it will not be necessary to explain the parts or their functions in detail. The instructions that have been previously given for setting the spark and throttle levers, putting the gear shift lever in neutral position and locking the emergency brake apply just as well to this car. If the car has

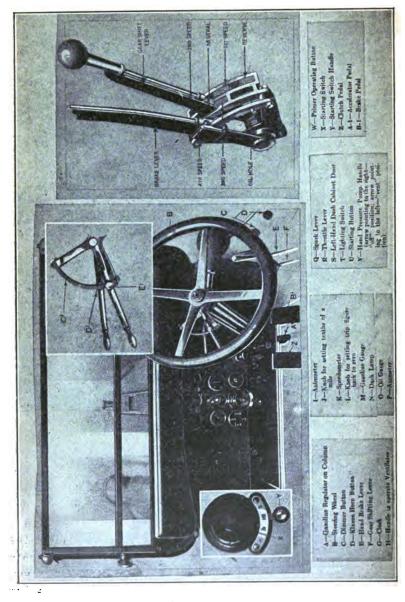


Fig. 60.-Dash Assembly, Engine Speed Control and Gear Shift Lever of Pierce Arrow Cars.

been standing for a time it will be desirable to pump up pressure with the hand pressure pump handle V. For starting, the spark and throttle levers are placed as shown in the inset. The ignition switch is put into action by unlocking it with the special key provided for the purpose and then setting the starting switch handle Y on the switch position indicated by the letter There are four possible positions of the switch handle, the one marked B indicating "battery ignition"; the one marked M. at the other side of the switch, putting on the magneto ignition; the position O means that the switch is off, while the letters M,B show that both ignition systems are in use. Pressing on the starting button U should bring the electric starting motor into action and turn the engine over. The Pierce Arrow cars are provided with a four-speed sliding gear transmission, so that the control system is somewhat different than in the simpler three-speed shifts. The change speed lever is guided by an unusual form of H-slot segment having one long slot and a shorter one. To obtain the reverse speed, the gear shift lever is moved from its neutral position and to the extreme end of the longer slot, in the position indicated as reverse in the large detail view of the levers. It is necessary to pass through the first speed before the lever will go into reverse. There are three possible positions for the gear shift lever in the long slot. extreme forward position gives reverse; that just ahead of the neutral notch gives first speed, and that at the back of the sector gives second speed. The third speed forward is obtained at the forward end of the short slot, and the high speed at the back end.

Reo.—The control system of the Reo cars is very simple and but one hand lever is used. As will be seen by reference to Fig. 61, the clutch pedal will release the clutch when moved about half way of its possible travel. Further movement applies the service brake. The brake pedal is provided with a latch so that it may be locked at any desired point and the car held from moving by virtue of the emergency brake. The usual spark and throttle levers are carried above the steering column. The lighting switch is at the left side of the steering post, immediately below the hand wheel, while the ignition switch is on the

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ght side. The spark and throttle levers are moved forward to crease the engine speed. The proper position of the levers r hand starting is shown in the illustration. When using the ectric starter the spark lever may be advanced to a greater gree than shown. A conveniently placed starting button,

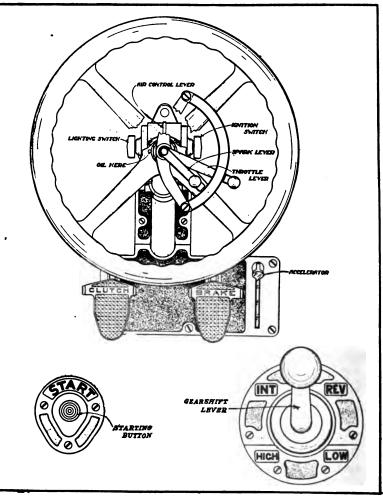


Fig. 61.—Control System of Reo Automobiles.

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plainly marked, that can be operated by the driver's foot, puts the electric starting motor in action. The gear shift lever is also provided with a marked guide plate, so the various positions of the lever to obtain the different speed ratios are clearly indicated.

Stearns-Knight.—The driver's compartment of the Stearns-Knight cars is clearly illustrated at Fig. 62. The spark and

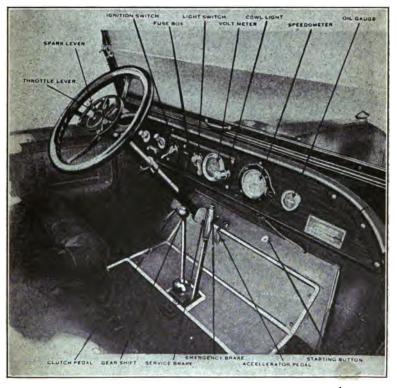


Fig. 62.—Stearns Knight Control Group.

throttle levers are carried above the steering column in the usual manner, but are so arranged that the spark lever works on the left side of the fixed quadrant, while the throttle lever works on the right side. The usual accelerator pedal is provided

for altering the engine speed. Before starting the motor it is necessary to see that all control levers are in their proper positions. If this is done there can never be any accident when starting. The first step is to advance the spark lever by moving it up about half way on the quadrant. The throttle lever is moved up about one and one half inches from the bottom. Pull the carburetor "choker" all the way out. Turn on the ignition

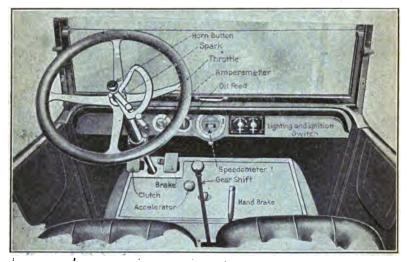


Fig. 63.—Studebaker Assembly and Control Levers.

switch and press down the starting button, which is located centrally in the top of the toe boards. Note that the ignition switch is carried at the left of the switch panel and that the lighting switch is carried at right. A receptacle for spare fuses and for the fuses of the electrical system is placed between the ignition and lighting switch levers.

As (on as the engine starts, watch the oil gage to make sure that the oil is circulated. The gage should never indicate less than three pounds pressure when the engine is idling. In cold weather it may be necessary to admit raw gasoline to the cylinders to insure the engine starting. This may be done by filling the priming cups on top of the inlet manifold with gasoline or

ether and letting this amount flow into the manifold interior. The petcock should be closed before starting the motor.

Attention is directed to an oil regulator, which is similar to the carburetor primer, located on the extreme left-hand side of the instrument board. This regulator controls the pressure of the oil and should be used wherever the anti-smoking ordinances are not too stringent, as it is a better and more efficient means toward general lubrication of the motor, although it will cause the engine to smoke a little. In operation this oil regulator is similar to that of the carburetor primer. To increase the oil pressure pull the choke up as far as it will go. Then observe the oil gage and the exhaust. If the smoke is too heavy, push the plunger part way down, again observing the oil gage and exhaust and thus marking the amount of pressure and the position of the regulator at the point where the lubrication is most efficient and smoke the least. When running the engine at high speeds, keep the regulator all the way out. The reason that lubrication should be watched carefully is because the Stearns-Knight engine employs sliding sleeve valves instead of the usual poppet valves. In order to secure smooth engine action it is very important that constant lubrication be obtained.

The slow speed position of the gear shifting lever is to rock it to the left and pull it back toward the driver's seat. The reverse, following the conventional "cane" shift practice, is on the same side as the low speed and in the forward position. When the lever is rocked to the right side, the second speed lines up with the reverse and is the forward position, while the high speed lines up with the low speed and is that position nearest to the driver's seat. The reason the low and the high are usually at the same end of the imaginary H sector is because it is often possible to go from the low speed directly to the high speed without passing through the intermediate. This can be done on the level or when descending a slight incline. On slight upgrades it is necessary to go into the intermediate speed before the direct drive is engaged.

Scripps-Booth.—The driver's compartment of this popular car is illustrated at the top of Fig. 64, while the positions of the

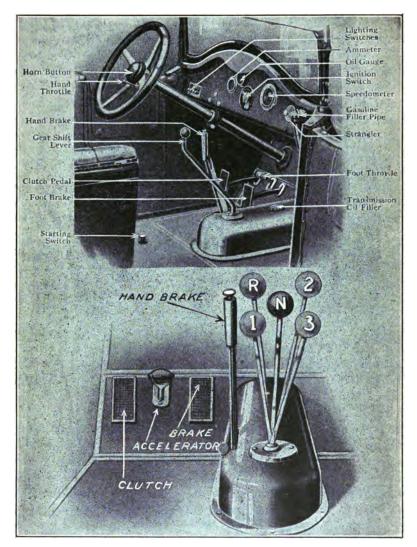


Fig. 64.—Control System Parts and Gear Shifting Diagram of Scripps Booth Automobile.

gear shift lever necessary to obtain the various speed ratios are clearly shown at the bottom of the cut. No spark advance lever

is provided on this car because an automatic spark advance is incorporated in the ignition timer-distributor. In starting this car, evidently there is only one engine control lever to set. The hand throttle does not describe a horizontal arc as in the other systems outlined, but instead is moved over a vertical arc when it opens the throttle. The usual strangler plunger or carburetor

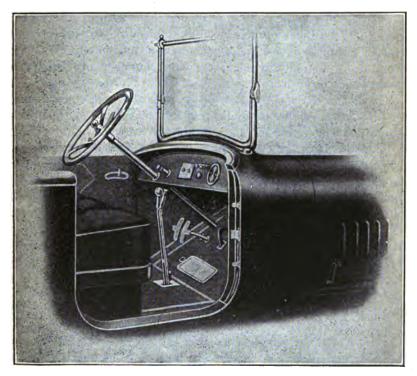


Fig. 65.—Velie Control System.

choke is provided on the cowl board to facilitate starting in cold weather. The ignition switch is placed in the approximate center of the cowl between the speedometer and the oil gage. The steps for starting this car are just the same as recommended for any electrically started machine. The starting switch is operated by a push button that can be easily actuated by the driver's heel.

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Velie.—The control parts of the Velie Model 22 are shown at The clutch and brake pedals are capable of being Fig. 65. adjusted to meet the needs of any driver. An electric horn button is located in the center of the steering wheel, as is quite general practice; and but one hand control lever, the throttle, is necessary, as the usual spark control lever is not required because the time of ignition is controlled by a governor and automatically advances or retards as the speed of the motor varies. When the motor is at rest, the spark will always be retarded. As the motor speed is increased by the hand throttle lever, or by the foot accelerator which supplements it, spark timing is advanced to that point best suited for the engine speed. The cowl board is inclined in order that the instruments may be easily read by the driver. From left to right, their order is as follows: carburetor air adjustment and air cutoff, and double switch controlling any combination of lights, ignition and reversing polarity. A single key fits both switches. The indispensable ampere meter and a magnetic speedometer complete the assembly. The starting motor is operated by a simple push button located on the lower dash, where it can be conveniently reached with the foot. The conventional "cane" shift is employed for engaging the various speed ratios.

#### CHAPTER IV

#### CARE OF AUTOMOBILES

Winter Care of Automobiles—Anti-Freezing Solutions—Maintenance of Body Finish, Tops and Upholstery—Care of Storage Battery—Tools and Repair Equipment—General Supplies—Motor Troubles—Road Repair of Tires—Extricating a Mired Automobile.

Winter Care of Automobiles.—While motoring throughout the entire year is not unusual, many owners of cars, especially in those portions of the country where the winter climate is exceptionally severe, put up their car for a period. If the car is to be kept in service, the most important thing to do is to provide some good anti-freezing compound in order to prevent the water in the radiator and cylinders from congealing. There is some difference of opinion regarding the best solution to use to prevent cracked water jackets and burst radiators. we attempt to answer the questions often asked regarding the best anti-freezing compound, it will be well to consider the requirements of such compounds. To begin with, it should have no deleterious effects on the metals or rubber used in the circulating system. It must be easily dissolved or combined with water, should be reasonably cheap and not subject to waste by evaporation, and be of such character that it will not deposit foreign matter in the pipes. The boiling point should be higher than that of water to prevent boiling away of the solution at comparatively low temperature.

Solutions of calcium chloride were formerly very popular with motorists, and the writer will first discuss the use of this substance. The freezing point of the solution depends upon the proportions of the salt to the water. An important factor to be considered is that if the parts of the circulation system are composed of different metals there is liable to be a certain electro-

lytic action between the salt and the dissimilar metals at the points of juncture, a certain corrosion taking place, and the intensity of this corrosive effect is only dependent upon the strength of the solution. As calcium chloride is derived from hydrochloric acid, which has a very strong effect on metals, and as there may be particles of free acid in the solution, a certain undesirable corrosive action may take place unless the salt is reasonably pure.

In using calcium chloride when compounding an anti-freezing solution, care must be taken that commercially pure salt is employed, as the cruder grades will liberate a larger percentage of free acid. The mistake should not be made of using chloride of lime, which has much the same appearance, but whose corrosive action is very great. Galvanized iron tanks and cast aluminum water manifolds and pump casings prohibit the use of this salt, as its destructive action is great on these metals.

It is well to test a solution of calcium chloride for acid before placing in the radiator. A piece of blue litmus paper may be obtained at any drug store and immersed in the solution. If the paper turns red it is a sign that there is acid present. Acid may be neutralized by the addition of a small quantity of slaked lime. The solutions may be made in these proportions:

Two pounds of salt to the gallon of water will freeze at 18° Fahr.

Three pounds of salt to the gallon of water will freeze at 15/10° Fahr.

Four pounds of salt to the gallon will freeze at 17° Fahr. below zero.

Five pounds of salt to the gallon will freeze at 39° Fahr. below zero.

It must be remembered that the more salt to the solution, the greater the electrolytic effect, and the greater the liability of the deposit of salt crystals, which may obstruct the free flow of the liquid.

Glycerin is usually considered quite favorably, but it has disadvantages. It often contains free acid, though the action on metals will be imperceptible in average solutions. While it does not attack metal piping to any extent, it is sure destruction to rubber hose, and should not be used in a car in which part of the circulation system piping is of rubber. Glycerin is expensive and it is liable to decompose under the influence of heat, and proportions added to the water must be higher than that of some other substances.

Denatured alcohol is without doubt the best substance to use, as it does not have any destructive action on the metals or rubber hose, will not form deposits of foreign matter and has no electrolytic effect. A solution of 60 per cent water and 40 per cent alcohol will stand 25° below zero without freezing. The chief disadvantage to its use is that it evaporates easily and its boiling point is quite low. Alcohol volatilizes more rapidly than water and the solution is liable to become too light, as proportions of alcohol to water are concerned. The percentage required is shown in the following:

Water, 95 per cent; alcohol, 5 per cent; freeze at 25° Fahr. Water, 85 per cent; alcohol, 15 per cent; freeze at 11° Fahr. Water, 80 per cent; alcohol, 20 per cent; freeze at 5° Fahr. Water, 70 per cent; alcohol, 30 per cent; freeze at 9° Fahr. below zero. Water, 65 per cent; alcohol, 35 per cent; freeze at 16° Fahr. below zero.

Various mixtures have been tried of alcohol, glycerin and water and good results obtained. The addition of glycerin to a water-alcohol solution reduces liability of evaporation to a large extent, and when glycerin is used in such proportions it is not liable to damage the rubber hose. The proportions recommended are a solution of half glycerin, half alcohol, to water. The glycerin in such a solution will remain practically the same, not being subject to evaporation, and water and alcohol must be supplied if the amount of solution in radiator is not enough. The freezing temperatures of such solutions of varying proportions are as follows: Water, 85 per cent; alcohol and glycerin, 15 per cent; freeze at 20° Fahr. Water, 75 per cent; alcohol and glycerin, 25 per cent; freeze at 8° Fahr. Water, 70 per cent; alcohol and glycerin, 30 per cent; freeze at 5° Fahr. below zero. Water, 60 per cent; alcohol and glycerin, 40 per cent; freeze at

23° Fahr. below zero. The proper proportions to be used must be governed, of course, by conditions of locality, but it is better to be safe than sorry, and make the solutions strong enough for the extreme that may be expected.

Oils of various kinds are often used exclusively, as it is obvious that oil and water would not form a very good mixture. They are of the character that is often used to lubricate ice-making machinery, and are made especially to withstand low temperatures. The oil will not absorb heat as readily as water, and should only be used where exceptionally good methods of cooling are provided, such as a large radiator, all metal piping and a very positive pump. This oil will attack rubber hose and gaskets, however. It would seem to the writer, from actual experience, that wood alcohol solutions were preferable to others as combining the greatest number of the requirements of a practical anti-freezing compound and being more easily handled.

After due care has been taken with the cooling system to prevent freezing, the next point to observe is the lubrication of the motor. This will depend on the oil system used and the grades of oil which are normally employed. As a general rule, it is well to use a lighter grade in the winter than that utilized during the warmer weather. If the clutch is a multiple-disk member, it should be filled with light oil of as high cold test as it is possible to obtain. If sight-feed glasses and exposed tubing form part of the lubricating system, or the oil tank or mechanical lubricator is carried in an exposed position, it should be remembered that this part should be inspected frequently to make sure that the oiling system is functioning properly.

During cold weather a certain amount of difficulty is always experienced in starting the car, especially when one considers the low grade of gasoline used at the present time. If the motor is provided with compression relief or priming cocks, a small hand oil can should be filled with gasoline and ether mixture, of proportions about half and half, and kept tightly corked to prevent evaporation of the volatile liquids. On a cold morning, when the motor is hard to start, this liquid may be injected into the cylinders through the priming cock, or by removing the spark

plugs if relief cocks are not provided, and the motor will be started without difficulty. During extremely cold weather, if the car is kept in an unheated garage, it is good practice to fill the cooling system with boiling hot water before trying to start. The anti-freezing solution may be saved after it is drawn from the radiator to allow the boiling water to be put in, and after the engine has become heated the water may be drawn out and the cooling solution replaced. Always let the engine run for five minutes before trying to run the car in cold weather. Never start off with the engine cold. Watch the storage battery carefully and make sure it is kept properly charged.

Maintenance of Body and Upholstery.--Many motorists are at loss to understand the reason for quick deterioration of the brightly varnished surfaces of a motor car body that has been in use for some time. The paint may be blistered or cracked or the finish may be spotted at various points. Bodies that were formerly black will assume a bluish tinge and bright varnish will soon become dull. If the car is an expensive one, the motorist is justified in expecting a degree of finish that will endure; but those who purchase cheaper cars may expect to lose the bright finish after the car has been used for a time. Where cars are manufactured in large quantities, the varnish is often applied before some of the under coats are thoroughly dried, and the result will be a series of blisters. Another result of hasty manufacture and of putting the car in service soon after painting is This is produced by dry mud, which extracts some spotting. of the oil or gum from the varnish, and may often be caused by actual chemical action of alkaline mud. The mud of city streets, especially at points where there is a great deal of animal traffic, is highly charged with ammonia, and in certain clay or lime districts the mud is very destructive to the varnish luster.

Even when a car has been properly varnished and finished there are many conditions, for which the motorist is directly or indirectly to blame, which will ruin even the highest grade of paint and varnish. For instance, when cars are cleaned at garages, various soaps and washing compounds are used which contain alkaline materials to assist in removing dirt and oil but

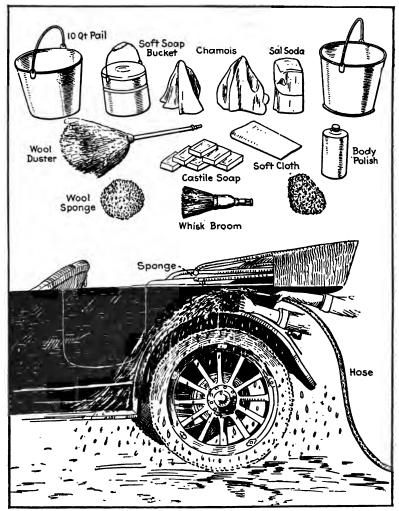


Fig. 66.—At Top, Supplies Needed for Washing and Cleaning Cars are Shown. Method of Washing With Sponge and Hose Illustrated Below It.

which are very destructive to the highly finished, varnished surfaces. Most of the soaps upon the market contain ingredients which have a chemical action on the oils of paint and cause

it to deteriorate. There are soaps which do not damage painted surfaces, but these are usually more costly and require more care and labor to remove the dirt accumulation, so they are not apt to be generally used. The grades of soap that act the quickest in cutting grease are those that will more quickly dull the surfaces of the body.

Some very expert carriage painters go so far as advising that no soap be used on finely varnished surfaces. Some painters advise against dusting off a car and claim that accumulations of this substance should be removed from the surface by washing. It is contended that wiping off the dust will have the effect of scratching the varnished surfaces, and that the best method of removing either dust, dirt or mud is to flush the surfaces with water from a hose. After as much of the dirt has been removed by this method as possible, a sponge may be used, but care must be taken that no grit is permitted to collect beneath the sponge and that the stream of water from the hose be always kept at work ahead of the sponge, as shown at Fig. 66.

If any grease is present on the running gear it should be removed with gasoline or benzine, and, while these substances may deaden the varnished surfaces temporarily, the blemish will not remain if the dull varnish is polished with a clean, soft cloth wet with linseed oil. The finish of many automobiles is ruined by allowing accumulations of oil or asphalt from freshly tarred or oiled roads to remain on the body work. These substances should not be allowed to remain any longer than possible, and if the oil or asphalt has become hardened, it may be dissolved by using naphtha, kerosene, vaseline, or even butter. After the oily accumulations have been dissolved, the car should be very carefully washed to remove all traces of the oily mud or the solvents.

Of course, there are portions of the car where it is difficult to have the paint stay in good condition. The paint is often burned off that part of the hood on a gasoline machine adjacent the exhaust pipe, or on those portions of the hood of a steam car which cover the boiler or burner. Any part of the hood subjected to considerable heat will become discolored after a time, and if

the heat is intense the paint will burn and blister. If care is taken to keep the body properly washed by using only the best grade of carriage soap obtainable, and only clean water, sponges and chamois cloths, the body finish will be preserved for a much longer time than if washing is neglected and the mud or dirt allowed to dry on the varnished surfaces. The use of quickacting soaps should be avoided as much as possible, and tar or oil accumulations should be removed as soon as conditions will If a car is kept in a barn or shed housing horses or cattle, or adjacent to a stable, the fumes of ammonia will soon cause a deterioration of the paint and varnish. One should never touch dusty surfaces with the hands or attempt to remove the dust by brushing off with a cloth. As a general rule, an automobile body will need to be gone over every season. The first year that the car is in use the paint should be in good enough condition, if proper attention has been paid to washing, so that a coat of varnish will suffice to restore the body to its pristine brilliancy. A car that has been used more than one season will need both painting and varnishing to make a good job.

The matter of cleaning and caring for tops and upholstery is also one that should be considered to some extent. or leather tops are usually fitted to high-grade cars; mohair or special fabric materials to medium-priced cars, and imitation leather or mohair substitute on the cheaper cars. In cleaning mohair tops, it is necessary to remove not only dust and dirt, but particles of grease or oily matter thrown up against it by the wheels from either the road surface or portions of the mech-Dust should be removed with a moist sponge, while grease or oil stains can be taken off by a sponge and good soapsuds. Leather and imitation leather tops should be treated with some form of preservative. Some dressings may be purchased all ready mixed and may be applied by the motorist himself. Others may be prepared at very little expense. Shabby leather may be made to look brighter by rubbing over the surface with either linseed oil or the well-beaten white of an egg mixed with a little black ink. Before applying any type of dressing, it is advised to go over the surface with neatsfoot oil until it has

been properly softened, and often the oil treatment will be sufficient for all practical purposes.

The following recipe is given as a good preservative for leather. It is composed of six parts of spermaceti, eighteen parts of beeswax, five parts of asphalt varnish, five parts black vine twig, two parts Prussian blue, one part nitrobenzol, one part powdered borax and sixty-six parts of oil of turpentine. The wax is melted and the borax is added, after which the mixture is stirred until a jellylike mass is formed. In another pan the spermaceti is melted, the varnish (which has been previously mixed with the turpentine) is added, and the mass stirred well and added to wax mixture in the other vessel. The color is the last ingredient added, this having been previously rubbed smooth with a little of the mixture. The material is applied with a brush about once a week, in small quantities, and is wiped well with a soft cloth to polish after application.

Another formula for giving new life to leather tops or upholstery is given as follows:

Ground Ruby Shellac	2.25	parts
Dark Resin	.91	parts
Sandarac	.115	parts
Gum Resin	.115	parts
Aniline Black (Spirit Soluble)	.115	parts
Lamp Black	.115	parts
Wood Alcohol	22.50	parts

The first step in preparing this mixture is to dissolve the sandarac, dark resin, gum resin and shellac in the alcohol; next the aniline black is added, and finally the lamp black, which has been ground to a paste with a little of the liquid, is mixed in. After the whole has been thoroughly mixed it is filtered. This is applied to the top or upholstery with a brush and is polished with a soft cloth.

On genuine leather tops, upholstery, and for the leather straps holding the top, applications of a good grade of harness oil are often sufficient. The following will be found an effective mixture:

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Oil of Turpentine	<b>2</b>	ozs.
Lamp Black	1/2	oz.
Neatsfoot Oil	10	ozs.
Vaseline	4	ozs.

The lamp black is mixed with the turpentine and the neatsfoot oil, and the vaseline is thinned by heating it, and the ingredients are mixed by shaking together. When the mixture cools it will be in the form of a grease or paste, which is rubbed well into the leather to be preserved or softened.

If a car has been used on a wet or stormy day, the top should be kept up until it is thoroughly dry, as if it is inserted in the top case or folded while wet the lining might mildew or rot. In folding tops care should be taken to have the folds even and to have as few wrinkles as possible. The various bows comprising the framework of the top should be separated by small rubber pads and the whole firmly strapped together by leather bands applied at each side of the folded top frame to prevent rattle.

Upholstery is usually preserved by slip covers of various grades of cloth applied to the cushions and to the backs of the As most cushions and seat backs are upholstered with leather, or the various fabrics imitating it, the same dressings that have been recommended for tops may be used to advantage in treating the cushions and seat backs. In some of the higherpriced cars, especially of the closed body form, various grades of broadcloth, Bedford cord, or other textile fabrics are used. When these become dirty they must be treated very carefully and by an experienced cleaner, because ordinary methods of removing grease spots will cause unsightly discolorations of the fine fabrics. Where high-grade upholstery materials are used, slip covers are really necessary. These should be kept in place at all times that the passengers are in ordinary street or business dress, but may be removed and the clean upholstery used at such times that it is desirable not to dirty the clothing, as when evening clothes are worn.

Care of Storage Battery.—The storage battery is made up of

several hard rubber cells or containers for the active plates and liquid electrolyte. The whole is surrounded by a wood casing for mechanical protection and ease in handling. Each individual cell is provided with a screw cap for inspection and the addition

of electrolyte or distilled water when necessary. The electrolyte must at all times cover the tops of the plates at least one quarter inch. Insufficient electrolyte will result in warped or buckled plates, and an accumulation of sediment at the bottom of the cells. The battery will be ruined in a short time if the tops of the plates are not kept covered. Each cell must be inspected at least once every week summer and once every two weeks in winter. All screw caps must be removed and distilled

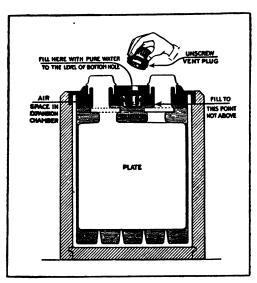


Fig. 67.—Sectional View of Storage Battery Showing Proper Height of Electrolyte in the Cells,

water added to each cell to make up for the natural evaporation. If distilled water cannot be had, use clean rain water which has not come in contact with metal or cement.

Never add acid to the cells of the battery. If part or all of the electrolyte has been lost through accidental spilling or leakage, get full instructions and advice from the maker. An hydrometer, arranged with a rubber bulb to draw a portion of the electrolyte from each cell, furnishes the best indication of the condition of the battery. The hydrometer shows the specific gravity of the electrolyte, which for a fully charged cell should be 1280 on a specific gravity scale. If the car is out of service for a considerable length of time, as when laid up for the winter,

it is necessary to charge the battery at regular intervals. This may be done by running the engine at a car speed of twenty miles per hour for at least one hour every two weeks. If the car is to be stored, and it is not convenient to charge as above, the battery should be removed from the car and placed in a reliable garage to be properly taken care of. If your battery is arranged with terminal posts for the wiring connections these must be examined occasionally to see that they are clean and free from sulphate. The thorough application of a small amount of vaseline at the metal connections to the battery posts will prevent sulphating and consequent corrosion and poor electrical contact at these points.

Tools and Repair Equipment.—In equipping a car for the season's use many factors must be considered, as the character of the supplies and spare parts required will vary with the type and make of car, while the tools needed for repairing the mechanism will depend largely upon the mechanical ability of the car owner or the person in charge of the automobile. While a very complete outfit of tools and spare parts would be the best insurance against trouble, it should be remembered that the weight of the tool outfit should be kept to as low a point as possible. As a general rule comparatively few well chosen tools, that would be apt to be used often, would be superior to an indiscriminately selected bulky outfit by one who has no knowledge of the value of the various appliances or how to use them. In modern motor cars it is easy to find storage room for a very complete assortment of tools and supplies, and while some of these may be considered unnecessary there may be a time when it will be invaluable, especially if much touring is contemplated.

The first point to consider is selecting the common tools that one would be apt to need, and as a guide a very complete tool roll, such as sold by practically all automobile supply houses at a moderate price, is shown. The choice of a container for tools and supplies is very important, and while the tool roll depicted, which is made of heavy canvas or leather, is very useful, it has the disadvantage of being inconvenient to handle. As it must be unrolled every time certain of the tools would be

needed, the ground is usually the only available place for its extension and the contents and casing may become very dirty. The writer prefers to use a tool box in which a number of trays are fitted. These are divided into compartments, each tool having a distinct space, and to insure against rattle or injuring the tools the various compartments may be lined with felt or heavy

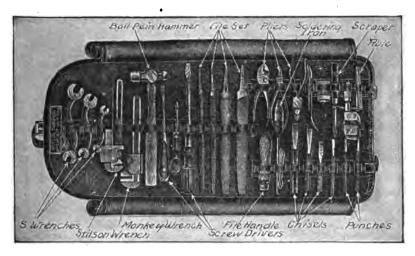


Fig. 68.—Complete Tool Outfit For Repairing Motor Car Mechanism That Occupies But Little Space.

cloth. A very good method of making the trays is to have these composed of or filled in with a wooden block, which is recessed to fit the tools to be carried. A container of this nature is superior to others, as the tools needed most often can be placed in the uppermost tray, making them accessible, while in a roll the tools needed most often may be carried in the center. Some motorists throw the tools indiscriminately into a box and the result is that many of the appliances are damaged by coming in contact with other tools. The cutting edges of cold chisels and wire cutters are nicked, the teeth of files become broken or filled up with dirt, and screw driver points may become quickly blunted, and their utility reduced. At the same time the handles

and polished surfaces of the other tools have become marred by the edges of the cutting tools.

The roll illustrated has a fair assortment of useful tools of good quality. The outfit consists of three screw drivers, three pairs of pliers, three chisels and one center punch, three drift pins, a set of four files, five wrenches, soldering copper and handle, a file handle, a split pin extractor, small roll of wire solder, one three-cornered scraper, a small tin box containing extra split pins or locking cotters and lock washers, and a ball pein hammer. The wrenches include a set of three double openend spanners, one adjustable monkey wrench and a Stilson or pipe wrench.

A word of caution to motorists who are apt to judge tools merely by the price should be heeded. Many men who are not mechanically informed select even the simpler tools by price rather than quality. As a rule the better quality tools only cost a few cents more and will give satisfactory service during a lifetime, while cheaper ones often cannot endure the work of a single season. Cheap chisels and punches are made of soft, improperly tempered steel; cheap wrenches are made from malleable iron castings, instead of steel drop forgings; low-priced screw drivers have the blades of inferior stock and so flimsily secured in the handle that they will turn on the slightest provocation instead of loosening the screw to which they are applied. The motorist who buys cheap tools is penny wise and pound foolish, and it is better to purchase fewer tools, but good ones, if economy dictates when the purchase is made.

General Supplies.—In addition to the tools enumerated there are many miscellaneous appliances that can be carried to advantage. Some of these are necessary only with certain types of cars, and many of the list which follows may be kept at home except when the car is taken on an extended tour which is apt to end at some distance from a convenient base of supplies.

Funnels to fit the water, gasoline and oil containers should be carried, and it is well to use separate funnels for water, oil and gasoline. That used for water should have a spout the full size of the filler opening in the radiator, and it is desirable that it should include a wire gauze screen to filter the water of any particles of foreign matter that might clog the circulating system. The oil funnel should be small, and it can be easily carried by nesting in one of the larger funnels. Sometimes a nest of three funnels may be obtained, one fitting in the other, and the entire set of three takes no more room than one funnel would ordinarily. The gasoline funnel should have a chamois skin through which all fuel would pass when filling the tank. This will remove the water and dirt always present in gasoline and is practical insurance against carburction troubles.

A collapsible rubber water pail is useful on all types of cars, as it may be used to replenish the supply in the radiator from any wayside source when on the road or to carry water to the car for washing hands after repairs have been made. A small box of some good grease-dissolving hand soap, a clean towel and a piece of toilet soap take so little space that they can be stowed away anywhere, and their value is only apparent when a particularly dirty job of tire replacement or car repairing has been necessary on the road. A hand oil can and an oil syringe are needed to lubricate the various parts, the syringe being especially valuable to force oil at points that would not be easily reached with the hand oiler or that would require more lubricant than could be conveniently supplied by that method. A combination funnel and measure is often carried in place of an oil funnel. The supplies needed to wash the car are shown at Fig. 66.

It is well to carry a gallon can of cylinder oil and a small can of cup grease any time that one is touring away from home when there might be doubt of obtaining the same grade generally used on the car. With the ordinary single-chamber type of gasoline tank it will be found advantageous to carry a spare container holding two gallons of fuel. This occupies but little space and is practical insurance against being stalled by lack of fuel. Extra tungsten bulbs are needed if the car is electrically lighted. A small hand search light is useful in looking at the gasoline level at night or in inspecting various points about the car where the presence of gasoline fumes would make the use of a naked flame dangerous. For more extended working after nightfall,

a small portable trouble lamp, which will take its current from the ignition battery, will often demonstrate its worth. A complete set of spark plugs should also be carried.

#### MOTOR TROUBLES

The following suggestions detail in a brief way the causes most apt to produce faulty automobile engine action and outline defective conditions that may be corrected by the motorist. The instructions refer to the Cole Eight car, but apply equally well to any model of other make having battery ignition. The troubles are enumerated under headings denoting easily recognized symptoms of faulty action.

### Stopping of Motor

- 1. Out of gasoline.
- 2. Disconnected spark plug cable or other loose electrical connections.
- 3. Dirty contact points in the distributor or accumulation of oil or dirt on the under side of distributor cover.
- 4. Out of engine oil, indicated usually by knocking in the motor, followed by an abrupt stop. If this occurs, do not attempt to use either the electric starter or hand crank until the motor has been allowed to cool off. Kerosene should be applied to the interior through the pet cocks while the motor is still warm. This usually is a serious matter, and the motor should have the attention of a good mechanic before attempting to put the car into service again.
- Can not crank motor. Frozen water pump. Seized motor bearings or pistons, due to lack of oil. Transmission engaged.
- 6. Leaky float in vacuum tank.

## Missing of Motor

- 1. Short-circuited spark plug. Points not adjusted properly.
- 2. Partially short-circuited or broken terminals.
- 3. Poor contact between the various ends and clips of wiring.

- 4. Loss of compression in one or more cylinders. Valves may be stuck. Valves may need regrinding or reseating. Valve springs may be weak or broken. Cylinder head gasket blown out.
- 5. Water in gasoline; the motor runs spasmodically. (This is the most difficult to separate from other causes and should be one of the last things looked for.)
- 6. When motor misses, you may locate the missing cylinder by opening the priming cock on top of the cylinders, one at a time. A sharp hiss will denote an explosion if accompanied with a flame. After replacing the spark plug in the missing one with a new one, or with one from another cylinder, you will have to determine whether missing is caused by defective plugs or wires leading to same. If the trouble is still continuing, turn over the motor slowly by hand in an endeavor to detect a defect in the compression in the different cylinders.
- 7. If missing is not due to any of the items mentioned above, there may be an air leak between the carburetor and intake manifold, or between the manifold and cylinder block.
- 8. Wires in the electrical system have been tampered with.

#### Loss of Power

The motor will not pull on grades or under heavy loads.

- 1. Loss of compression due to leaky valves.
- 2. Too rich a mixture through some defect in carburetor, probably flooding due to grit under float valve.
- 3. Late ignition.
- 4. Lack of water in radiator or oil in motor, causing the motor to run hot.
- 5. Lack of gasoline. If lack of gasoline through stoppage of pipe, the motor will spit back through carburetor when throttle is opened.
- 6. Poor grade of gasoline, in cold weather, causing too weak a mixture.
- 7. Dragging brakes. See that the car can be rolled by hand

easily or that it will coast down hill when clutch is released and not slow down. Feel the brake drum with your hand to determine overheating.

- 8. Flat tires.
- 9. Stoppage of the jets in carburetor, due to dirt or sediment in gasoline.
- 10. Carbon deposits in combustion chamber.

### Motor Will Not Start

- 1. Switch not turned on, or defective contact in switch.
- 2. Gasoline not turned on, or out of gasoline.
- 3. Poor grade of gasoline in cold weather, or water in gasoline.
- 4. Weak ignition, due to depleted storage battery.
- 5. If the motor turns over very slowly, your storage battery has become depleted, due to continuous cranking or prolonged burning of the lamps, with insufficient running of the motor or lack of care in filling battery with distilled water. If there is good, clean gasoline in the carburetor, and a good spark at the plugs, motor will start if properly handled.
- 6. Broken ground wire from battery.

### Motor Knocks

- 1. Spark advanced too far.
- 2. Too rich a mixture.
- 3. Motor speed too low in pulling on hills or through bad roads; on direct drive, shift to a lower speed. Loose connecting rod bearings. (Light knock at high speed.)
- 4. Crankshaft bearing loose. Heavy pounding at low motor speeds and under heavy loads.
- 5. Too much play in valve push rods. (Light tapping sound.)
- 6. Tapping noise due to improper adjustment.
- 7. Carbon in cylinders.

## Water in Radiator Boils

- 1. Low supply of water.
- 2. Too rich a mixture of gasoline.

- 3. Carbonized cylinders.
- 4. Lack of motor oil.
- 5. Late ignition or retarded spark.
- 6. Broken or inoperative pump.
- 7. Radiator core stopped up with mud or other matter.
- 8. Fan belt slipping.

### Motor Will Not Stop with Switch Off

Overheated. If, because of lack of water in circulating system, motor will become sluggish, run slowly and pound. Close gasoline adjustment in carburetor. Throw in high gear, lock emergency brake and let in-clutch. This will stall the engine.

### Carbon in Cylinders

With this condition water does not necessarily reach the boiling point. The carbon deposit inside the combustion chamber becomes incandescent and fires the charge when compressed. Have carbon removed by scraping.

Tire Repair and Maintenance.—Of the causes of pneumatic tire failure the most common is natural wear of the tread portion of the tire. The rubber compound in contact with the road surface wears away in time, and the fabric layers which constitute the breaker strips are exposed. The shoe is weakened and any sharp object in the road is apt to penetrate the weakened case and puncture the inner tube. If a number of the layers of fabric comprising the body of the shoe are cut, this constitutes a weak place in the casing and a blow-out will result, because the few layers of fabric remaining do not have sufficient strength to resist the air pressure.

A stone bruise is caused by the removal of a portion of the rubber tread by a sharp stone, piece of glass, etc., and is much more serious than a puncture because it removes some of the tire, whereas in ordinary cases of puncture a sharp object merely penetrates the casing. A sand blister is produced by sand or grit from the road working into a space in the tire between the tread and the fabric body through some neglected incision or

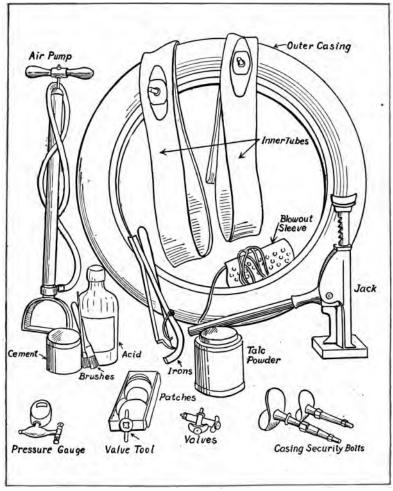


Fig. 69.—Spare Parts and Necessary Repair Equipment for Automobiles Using Pneumatic Tires.

bruise. The side of the tread is often chafed by running the tires against curb stones or by driving in car tracks. Rim cutting is generally caused by insufficient inflation, which permits the rim to cut into the tire and thus tends to sever the bead from the side of the shoe.

The chief inner tube trouble is penetration of the wall by

some sharp object, or the folding over of part of the tube walls when the tire was applied. The parts of the check valve sometimes give trouble and the valve leaks. In cases of valve trouble it is usually cheaper to replace the valve inside than it is to attempt to fix it. Some of the causes of valve leakage are hardening of the rubber washer; bent stem, which prevents the valve

from seating properly, or a particle of dust or other foreign matter which would act to keep the valve from closing the air passage positively.

The most serious condition that a motorist will meet with is a "blow-out," and usually only temporary repairs can be made on the road. This condition can be overcome by the use of an inside patch to reinforce the ruptured portion and prevent the inner tube from bursting or chafing through. An outside

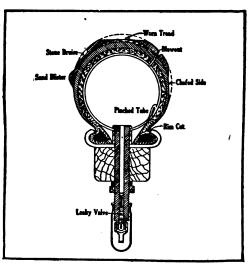


Fig. 70.—Sectional View of Pneumatic Tire Showing Defective Conditions.

patch can be applied to strengthen the casing and keep the dirt from working into the tire.

Inner tube punctures may be repaired temporarily by patching. After the area surrounding the puncture is thoroughly cleaned with gasoline and roughened with sand paper or emery cloth, a coat of patching cement is applied to both patch and tube. This is allowed to become thoroughly dry before the second coat is applied. The second coat is allowed to become "tacky," which expresses a condition where the cement is almost dry and yet still possesses a certain degree of adhesiveness. The patch is applied to the cemented portion of the tube and the

whole is clamped firmly together to secure positive adhesion while the cementing medium is drying. Patches should always be of sufficient size to cover the damaged portion and at the same time have about three quarters of an inch or more of the patch at all sides of the orifice.

Very satisfactory repairs to both inner tubes and outer casings of a permanent nature can be made by using small portable vulcanizers, which may be heated by either electricity or vapor. When these are used a special vulcanizing cement is necessary and uncured rubber stock must be used for patching or filling openings caused by punctures or blow-outs. The patch of raw material is applied to the cemented surface of the tube or casing and the vulcanizer heated to the proper temperature. The heat of the vulcanizer causes the rubber of the patch to unite perfectly with the old material and forms an intimate bond.

It is necessary in all cars using pneumatic tires to carry a certain amount of equipment for handling and repairing these on the road. A typical outfit is shown at Fig. 69, this consisting of a spare outer casing, two extra inner tubes for replacement purposes, a blow-out sleeve, a number of patches, and an acidcure vulcanizing outfit for applying them. Tire irons must be provided to remove the casing from the rim; the jack is used to raise the wheel of the vehicle on which the defective tire is installed from the ground and make it possible to remove the tire completely from the wheel. The air pump is needed to inflate the repaired tube or the new member inserted to take its place. The talcum powder is sprinkled between the casing and the tube to prevent chafing or heating, while the spare valves and valve tool will be found useful in event of damage to that important component of the inner tube. As it is desirable to inflate the tires to a certain definite pressure, a small gage which will show the amount of compression in the tire is useful.

Next to the selection of proper size tires, the important consideration is that these be kept properly inflated. If a tire is not properly filled with air it will flatten out, and the tendency will be to separate the layers of fabric and rubber of which the

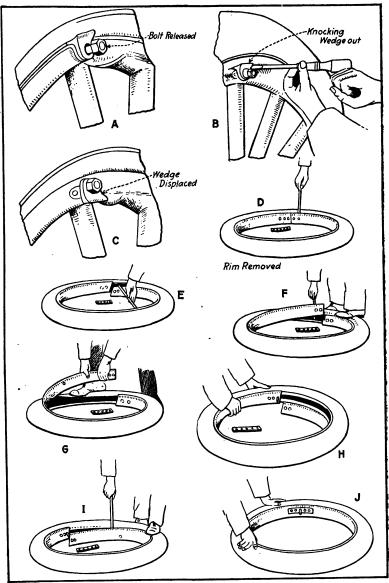


Fig. 71.—How to Remove a Demountable Rim From the Wheel and to Dismantle and Reassemble the Rim and Tire Casing.

shoe is composed, because of the alteration of the almost round or tubular section that the tire is supposed to be when in use. If a tire is properly inflated, the walls will be braced from inside by the pressure of the compressed air in the inner tube, and the flattening effect will have no perceptible effect in producing disintegration of the fabric and rubber plies of the casing. The figures given in table are those recommended by leading tire manufacturers as being most suitable for the various sizes of tires listed.

Air Pressures for Inflating Pneumatic Tires Recommended by Leading Makers

Width of Tire,	Maximum Weight	Air Pressure in Tire,
Inches.	on Wheel, Lbs.	Lbs. per Square Inch.
$2\frac{1}{2}$	$\boldsymbol{225}$	<b>50</b>
3	350	60
31/2	600	<b>'70</b>
4	750	80
$4\frac{1}{2}$	1,000	90
5	1,000	90

The conventional method of inflating tires by using a foot pump does not always insure that the tire will receive adequate inflation, and when a pump is employed it is imperative that some form of gage be provided that will register the amount of pressure inside of the tire in order that it will reach the figure recommended by the tire makers. Different methods of tire inflation have been devised which eliminate the necessity of using manually operated pumps. Obviously a simple expedient would be to provide a small power-driven pump that could be actuated by any convenient mechanical connection with the engine. Another method is to use an air bottle, which is a steel container in which air is stored under great pressure. The air is compressed to such a point that a tank less than two feet long and six inches in diameter will furnish sufficient air to inflate seven or eight tires of average size, or twelve to fourteen small The tanks may be exchanged at small expense when ones.

exhausted for new containers holding a fresh supply of air. In some tanks gases of various kinds under high pressure are used and the motorist may obtain these on the same basis as air bottles are supplied.

All devices of this character are fitted with gages to indicate the amount of pressure in the tire, and to prevent overinflation. If a tire is not properly inflated the shoe will be liable to various kinds of road damage and will be easily punctured, while if the pressure is too high the shoe is liable to "blow-out" at any weak point in the structure.

The rules to secure satisfactory operation from pneumatic tires may be easily summed up. In the first place, it is imperative that the tires be inflated to the pressures recommended by the manufacturers and that they be selected with a certain margin of safety over the actual requirements. The tires should be kept clean and free from oil or grease, because the oleaginous substances used for lubrication very quickly attack rubber compounds and cause crumbling and rapid deterioration. grease should be wiped off as soon as noticed and the tire cleaned by the application of gasoline. Any small cuts or openings in the tire that may permit water to enter or sand to work between the fabric and the tread will cause trouble in time. One should be careful in driving not to apply the brakes too suddenly, because this will lock the wheels and wear the tire very quickly. Care should be taken not to drive in car tracks, and when highways do not have the proper surface they should be negotiated very carefully to avoid cutting the casings.

Extricating a Mired Automobile.—Highway conditions are not always of the best during the winter and early spring, especially on those unimproved dirt roads where there is considerable traffic. While simple and light block and tackle outfits that are undergeared so they can be operated with but little exertion by any person of average strength may be procured on the open market, these are not generally known to automobilists and their merits are not recognized because they are not apt to be needed under ordinary touring conditions. However, any motorist is apt to be stuck in the mud or sand at some time or other, so a

brief discussion of some of the methods used by others in getting out of a similar predicament may be of value.

Experience has shown that for sand, the use of ordinary oat sacks is excellent. Three of these sacks are tied around each rear wheel, as shown in accompanying illustration, forming equi-

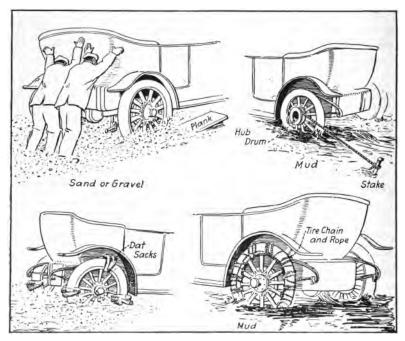


Fig. 72.—Methods of Extricating Mired Automobile.

distantly spaced lumps on the wheels. The speed lever is thrown in low gear and the clutch engaged slowly. This method has been tried by a number of tourists, among which may be mentioned road scouts, with great success. Another method, but one which requires more work, is to get two planks of wood and place one under each wheel, as shown in the illustration at B. The planks should be placed as far under the wheels as possible. If planks are not available, brush or boughs may be strewn on the soft ground under the wheels, or stones laid to form a tem-

porary roadway. The work may be made easier by jacking up the wheels, but this is not always possible. In using the jack where the axle is only a few inches from the ground, dig a hole and place a brick or a block of wood at the bottom. Then place the jack on the block. With the planks under the wheels, one or more men should push the car while a third does the driving. The motor should not be raced and the clutch should be engaged slowly. Some resort to the method of simply deflating the tires. Others carry strips of heavy canvas to place under the wheels.

The best way to get a car out of a deep mud hole, if no hub drum is fitted, is to get a team of horses. However, a method which has been used with much success consists in placing the tire chains on both wheels, then winding rope around the tire. The use of a detachable hub drum is advisable and there are several marketed that can be fitted to standard cars. The use of a hub drum winch is shown herewith. Any substantial anchorage, such as a tree, fence post, etc., can be used instead of the stake shown, though a piece of steel tube or sharpened steel shaft, one inch in diameter and three feet long, may be carried in the car for this purpose, as accommodating trees and posts are not always at hand

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